

F-15s engaged in first battle

5 Syrian Migs downed in dogfight over Lebanon

By HIRSH GOODMAN Post Military Correspondent

Israel Air Force planes yesterday downed five Syrian Mig-21 fighters in a three-minute aerial battle over Southern Lebanon. There were no Israeli losses, according to an announcement from the IDF spokesman.

Two or three other Syrian aircraft were apparently hit but not destroyed during the dog-fights, which took place between Sidon and Beirut above the Mediterranean coast.

The incident took place at around 11 yesterday morning when between eight and 12 Syrian Mig fighters attempted to attack Israeli aircraft that were on a bombing mission over three terrorist targets in Southern Lebanon: Damour, Sidon and Tyre.

Israeli F-15 and F-4E interceptors, engaged the Syrian formation. During the two to three-minute air battle, according to O.C. Air Force Aluf David Ivri, the Israeli interceptors downed five Migs and damaged at least two others.

Immediately after the clash yesterday, the Egyptians were informed of the incident by a direct line. No immediate reaction was forthcoming, but the Egyptians condemned the raid later through the Egyptian Foreign Ministry. (See adjacent story).

This is the first time in history that the U.S.-built McDonnell Douglas F-15 has engaged in battle and destroyed an enemy aircraft in air-to-air combat.

At a meeting with military correspondents in Tel Aviv yesterday, Chief of Staff Ezer Weizman indicated that he was not surprised by yesterday's incident.

He said that for some time now Syrian fighters had been sent aloft while Israeli planes were carrying out the government's pre-emptive strike policy against the terrorists in Southern Lebanon. But Weizman noted that previously the Syrians had kept a respectable distance from the Israeli attackers.

Yesterday, however, the Syrian aircraft, which were grouped in two formations of four planes each, went through a series of manoeuvres that were highly indicative of hostile intent.

They did not fire the first shot, the chief of staff said, but when a plane advanced at a rate of eight miles per minute, there is very little time for procrastination.

A spokesman for the U.S. embassy in Tel Aviv said Israel was restricted to using the F-15's only in cases of "legitimate self-defence" when the planes were purchased from the U.S. It was not clear whether the dog-fight would fall into this category as the planes encountered the



Dogfight marks change in Syria's Lebanon role

The Syrian involvement in yesterday's dogfight marked a change in Damascus' policy — a development that observers attribute to two factors.

The first is the quest by the Damascus authorities to shift attention from internal disturbances plaguing Syria since last week's assassination of over 40 artillery cadets in an anti-government raid on the military academy in Aleppo.

Eighteen alleged members of the extremist Muslim Brotherhood were due to be hanged today for the assassinations.

Two cases of assassinations of Alawite Muslim intelligence officers serving President Hafez Assad's regime were also recently reported.

The second is the increasing intensity of Israel's punitive air raids against terrorist bases in Lebanon, where the Syrians claim hegemony.

Yesterday's was the 11th Israeli air operation over Lebanon since the April 22 terrorist site attack on Nahariya when four Israelis were killed. Damascus sources said yesterday a national alert in Syria covered anti-aircraft batteries, and part of its 400-plane air force.

Syria maintains some 25,000 troops in Lebanon, equipped with tanks, anti-aircraft artillery and, according to some persistent, but unconfirmed reports, a number of Soviet-made SAM-6 surface-to-air missiles. The Syrian force moved into Lebanon in June 1976 at the height of a civil war between Christians and an alliance that combined the Palestine Liberation Organization and Lebanese leftists.

Syria conceded yesterday that four of its jets were "hit" but claimed that two Israeli warplanes were

Cairo: Air clash stresses danger to peace process

CAIRO (AP). — Egypt yesterday declared that the air battle between Syrian and Israeli jets underscored the grave dangers which could face the peace process because of Israeli attacks on Lebanon.

Cairo Radio broadcast only the Syrian account of the dogfights. A statement attributed to a responsible source at the Foreign Ministry condemned the Israeli air raid on terrorist targets in Lebanon, but carefully refrained from assigning blame in the dogfight incident.

Egyptian reaction would be limited to the statement, informed officials said. The Palestinian problem should be speedily solved and peace should be established between Israel and its Arab neighbours to avert such dangers, the statement said.

'Even-handed' Washington had warned against fighting

By WOLF BLITZER Jerusalem Post Correspondent WASHINGTON. — Following the Israeli-Syrian aerial dogfight over Southern Lebanon yesterday, the U.S. registered a sharp diplomatic protest to Israel for supposedly provoking the Syrian aircraft to scramble against the Israeli planes.

Publicly, the U.S. did not explicitly accuse Israel of provocation, although this was strongly suggested in the official State Department reaction to the incident.

Reading from a written statement, acting spokesman Tom Reston said that some of the Israeli targets of recent weeks "have been extremely close to Syrian military positions."

Lebanese report massive IDF damage to terror bases

JERUSALEM Post Reporter METULLA. — Lebanese villagers arriving here yesterday said the IDF bombing mission had caused great damage to terrorist-controlled areas. They told The Jerusalem Post that the terrorists had shot at Syrian planes flying over their positions during the dogfight.

Others coming from Dubin and Blat villages claimed to have seen a parachutist bail out and land north of Blat on the edge of a UN-controlled area, and a burning plane explode in the hilly section near Jezin.

Early yesterday there was an artillery duel between terrorists and Christian militia leader Major Sa'ad Haddad's forces, after terrorists opened fire on militiamen near the Christian village of Debel.

Haddad's forces claim the terrorists came and retreated via a UNIFIL-held area without any interference from the Irish troops stationed there.

Haddad has sent a sharply worded protest to UNIFIL saying that if the terrorist attacks continue across UN-held territory his men will no longer respect UNIFIL suzerainty.

Heavy artillery exchanges in the eastern section north of Metulla yesterday set fire to fields throughout the area across the border in Lebanon.

Knesset okays IL320b. budget; holds IL500m. in college funds

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN Post Knesset Reporter

By a vote of 47-3, the Knesset last night adopted a state budget of IL320b. for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1980. For the past three months government expenditures have been made on the strength of the interim budget passed by the Knesset in March.

The most significant vote of the day was on the allocation for higher education. Not unexpectedly, the House approved the Finance Committee's decision earlier this week, initiated by the Likud, to transfer IL500m. from grants to universities to a general reserve for higher education. (See related story.)

The 47 votes in favour of the budget were cast by the coalition factions, and the three nays were cast by Gideon Hausner (Independent Liberals), and Moshe Shamir and Genula Cohen (Independents).

Members of the Alignment, Shal, the Communists, and the Citizens Rights Movement walked out of the chamber just before the vote. This was after Speaker Yitzhak Shamir rejected a point of order by Amnon Rubinstein (Shal).

Rubinstein argued that the budget proposed by the government was illegal, since it was already clear that expenditures would be considerably higher than those set forth.

Specifically, he said, the IL500m. allocated for subsidies on vital commodities was already unrealistic.

It was the second walk-out of the day — which started at 9 a.m. and ended at 8 p.m. In the course of the 11 hours, the Knesset rejected 180 opposition *Motegiyot* (proposals disapproved by a majority of the Finance Committee and submitted to the plenum for final decision).

The first departure of opposition members took place earlier in the day, when the Justice Ministry budget was about to be voted on. Deputy Speaker Pinhas Scheinman (NRP) had called for a vote, but a second later gave the floor to Justice Minister Shmuel Tamir.

Opposition members constituted a majority of the deputies in the chamber at the moment, and they suspected Scheinman and Tamir of having teamed up on a delaying tactic, in order to give the Likud whip time to round up a few of his colleagues. Scheinman insisted that Tamir had requested the floor earlier. But Moshe Shahal (Alignment) countered that, once the chairman had called for a vote, no one had the right to speak. When Shahal overruled him, the entire opposition walked out.

The budget was presented for its second reading by Finance Committee chairman Shlomo Lorincz (Agudat Yisrael), who said that the big question was whether the budget was realistic. And his answer was:

no and yes.

No, if the question referred to the actual sums set forth, for there was no doubt that the year's expenditure would come to considerably more than IL320b. But yes, substantively speaking.

Lorincz explained that under Article 5 of the Budget Law — which he called "an unprecedented innovation" — if expenditures for existing programmes and activities increased because of inflation, such additional expenditure would be covered by the additional revenue that would be forthcoming as a result of changes in the exchange rate of foreign currencies and of higher tax receipts.

For example, Lorincz said, if the wages of government employees rose by more than the 42 per cent envisaged in the budget, government revenue from income tax, value added tax, and other taxes would also rise.

On the other hand, Lorincz said, if the government should decide to freeze the prices of basic commodities (which is precisely what it did last Sunday), the allocation for subsidies set forth in the budget would have to be increased, and a supplementary budget would be necessary.

He said that most members of the committee were opposed "on economic grounds" to the freezing of these prices "of course."

Lorincz added, "the prime minister and the cabinet have the right to take non-economic considerations into account." Still, he said he hoped that

Oil off Ashdod

ASHDOD (Itim). — Drillers at the Ashdod V oil well off the coast yesterday brought their drills back up from a lower stratum and re-struck a layer of oil that they had found in previous drilling.

There was no confirmation last night as to whether the well has commercial possibilities.

OPEC meet may end in deadlock

GENEVA (Reuter). — A senior Iranian delegate to the OPEC meeting said last night Saudi Arabia was prepared to accept a price of \$19 a barrel for oil.

But the delegate, Cyrus Ebrahimi-zadeh, said OPEC members had still not reached agreement on a new figure at their oil price-fixing conference in Geneva. And Saudi Oil Minister Ahmed Zaki Yamani said last night the OPEC gathering might end without an agreement on new prices.

Speaking during a short interval as OPEC ministers moved from their conference to a private room for further consultations, Yamani said: "We are not near an agreement but we may be near to a conclusion."

Asked whether they were concluding without agreement, he answered, "Yes, that is true."

One delegate said Yamani, who was trying single-handedly to block a substantial price increase, had told ministers before they adjourned that Saudi Arabia was prepared to leave its price at the current level of \$14.55 a barrel. Others could then do what they wanted, the delegate quoted Yamani as saying.

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Cement workers strike may need gov't intervention

By MICHAL YUDELMAN Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The government may declare the Neshor cement company an essential industry so that it can serve back-to-work orders on workers there, building industry sources told The Jerusalem Post yesterday. Sanctions by plant employees are causing a severe cement shortage.

Neshor's cement kiln in Ramat Hasharon has been producing cement daily — a third of the national output — has been idle since June 10. The workers, who are demanding higher wages, are preventing the management from fixing a malfunction in the kiln. Neshor's personnel manager Shmua Nir told The Post.

The continued cut in the production of Israel's only cement source will threaten the jobs of some 60,000 workers in the building trade, Nir said.

He explained that cement factories work around the clock, so "the amount of cement lost would be impossible to replace. Already the industry is suffering from a shortage which can only be made up by importing cement, Nir claimed.

In addition, one of the company's two works committees, which refused to accept the management's proposals, decided to "extort higher wages from the management under pressure," according to Nir.

The committee also began to impose further sanctions on Tuesday, he said, calling the workers' demands "far beyond the company's wage policy."

Their new sanctions called for the reduction of the Ramat quarry's production by half.

The Post has learned that the Histadrut and local labour council have not approved the Neshor workers' sanctions, but so far all attempted negotiations have broken down.

NRP raps economic policies

By SHELOMO MAOZ Post Economic Reporter

Prime Minister Menahem Begin yesterday told National Religious Party MKs that his price freeze on government-controlled basic commodities is not a final decision. But NRP ministers have been told to vote against freezing the price of imported beef when the matter comes up for the vote in next Sunday's cabinet meeting when, says Begin, final decisions on the price freeze policy will be taken.

The NRP does not want to be party to the economy's destruction, their Knesset faction told the premier yesterday. Protesting against the government's erratic economic policies, they pointed out that no sooner does the cabinet take an economic decision than it reverses it totally.

The premier agreed with his NRP coalition partners that a coalition committee should be set up to examine the entire issue of subsidies and the situation of the national economy.

The establishment of the proposed committee had been the brainchild of the party's Avraham Melamed, who had put it forward earlier as an ultimatum, threatening that if it was not set up, the NRP would not vote for the budget.

Another condition set for NRP support was the establishment of a committee to re-examine the budget, which the NRP claims, is "unrealistic."

A further NRP concession wrung from Begin was that the welfare budget would be subjected to special examination in view of what the party claims is a scatter-shot policy that entirely fails to hit any target.

The NRP would like to see help given to the poorer sections of the population through child allowances and the guaranteeing of a minimum wage, and not through the subsidized food which the entire population takes advantage of, irrespective of need.

The Ministerial Economic Committee must change its decision on price freezes, the NRP claims.

STALIN'S LEGACY. Edward Crankshaw, in the first of two articles, explains why the Georgian dictator's imprint remains on the fabric of Soviet society.



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Grants c'tee walks out over college budget cut

By SHELOMO MAOZ Post Economic Reporter

The Planning and Grants Committee, the executive arm of the Council for Higher Education, has returned its mandate. The Council, meeting yesterday, expressed its understanding of the Committee's action and asked Minister Zevulun Hammer to seek a reversal of the Knesset Finance Committee's recommendation to chop IL800m. off the I.L.S.b. budget for university

education. This was the upshot of an emergency meeting held yesterday by the council under Hammer's chairmanship.

The committee's members gave Hammer a fortnight to act. Some committee members yesterday charged that the move announced this week is an attempt to politicize its work by making the universities' budget contingent on as yet unknown conditions. They stressed

U.S. congressmen demand Paraguay hand over Mengele

By JOSEPH POLAROFF WASHINGTON (JTA). — Both branches of Congress, using the power of publicity, yesterday moved to flush out Nazi criminal Josef Mengele from his hiding place in Paraguay and bring him to trial.

Mengele, a medical doctor, is accused of torturing and killing at least 400,000 inmates at Auschwitz, half of them children. He reportedly tried experiments on "physical change" on inmates who had no anaesthesia.

Three congressmen asked Paraguayan Ambassador Mario Lopez Escobar at his embassy here to urge his government to at least revoke Mengele's citizenship so that he stands exposed as "the world's most wanted Nazi criminal."

Mengele, now 67, is known as the "angel of death" of Auschwitz, where five million persons were killed by the Nazis. Joining forces in the drive against Mengele,

who is wanted by the governments of West Germany, Poland and Israel, both the Senate and House are considering a joint resolution urging President Carter to "immediately call upon Paraguay to apprehend and extradite" Mengele to stand trial in West Germany.

Sen. Jesse Helms introduced a resolution in the Senate last week, and yesterday Rep. Robert Dornan presented an identical resolution to the House to help expedite U.S. governmental action. Liberals and conservatives from both parties are sponsoring the resolution.

In addition to their action against Mengele, Dornan, Rep. Jerry Lewis and personnel from the Simon Wiesenthal Centre for Holocaust Studies at Yeshiva University in New York went to the Brazilian embassy later in the day to urge extradition of the Nazi war criminal Gustav Wagner. A Brazilian court last week refused to allow Wagner's extradition.

U.S. claims Israel still selling arms to Nicaragua

By WOLF BLITZER Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Despite official Israeli denials, the U.S. claims to have evidence that Israel has continued to supply the Nicaraguan National Guard with military equipment, including Uzi sub-machineguns, Gall rifles and ammunition.

The matter has been the source of extensive diplomatic exchanges between Washington and Jerusalem. Israel has informed the U.S. that it stopped selling arms to Nicaragua last summer, following earlier U.S. protests. Since then, Israeli officials have maintained publicly that the arms embargo has been in effect.

But U.S. intelligence sources have reportedly come up with "strong evidence" that Israel has continued supplying arms and ammunition to Nicaragua. Israel has been confronted with the evidence, according to well-placed sources here, who said that Washington has registered a stiff protest over the issue.

Some U.S. officials believe that Prime Minister Menahem Begin, Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan and other senior Israeli officials may not be aware that lower-level Israeli of-

ficials were ignoring the official Israeli policy.

Other U.S. officials believe that Begin and Dayan may simply regard the matter as unimportant and therefore may be ignoring the violations of public policy. In any case, as the fighting in Nicaragua has intensified in recent weeks, the controversy has escalated in importance.

There have been numerous reports in the U.S. news media in recent days that Nicaraguan troops were armed largely with Israeli and South African military equipment — reports which have seriously embarrassed Israeli officials here as well as other pro-Israeli supporters.

This has been especially true in the wake of the Nicaraguan murder last week of ABC newsmen Bill Stewart.

One U.S. newsmen who returned from Nicaragua this past weekend said that he had personally met two Israeli "arms salesmen" in the Nicaraguan capital last week. He said the Israelis admitted being in Nicaragua in order to sell arms.

Publicly so far, the U.S. has taken a cautious position on the controversy even though privately key officials are very angry. (see story — Page 4)

Dornan, Rep. Matthew McHugh and Rep. Christopher Dodd called on Escobar. With them were Rabbi Marvin Hier, dean of the Wiesenthal Centre; Rabbi Abraham Cooper, the centre's outreach programme director; and Wiesenthal's attorney, Martin Rosen of New York.

The ambassador was given a letter addressed to Gen. Alfredo Stroessner, Paraguayan president, signed by 40 congressmen.

The letter, which was authored by McHugh, said Mengele fled to Argentina from Germany after World War II and "later in an effort to elude authorities he entered Paraguay where he was naturalized as a citizen in 1969."

Asking Stroessner to help locate Mengele and "bring him to justice," the letter said Mengele has been "indicted for various crimes in several nations," and "stands accused of the torture, disfigurement and murder" of at least 100,000 children, and as many adults.

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Nahariya	57	20-29	29
Safed	48	15-28	28
Haifa Port	45	15-28	28
Tiberias	49	22-33	32
Nazareth	49	19-27	27
Afula	40	15-20	23
Sharon	52	17-25	25
Tel Aviv	51	18-26	28
E-G Airport	46	21-30	30
Jericho	37	21-35	35
Gaza	34	21-28	28
Berzabeh	38	18-30	30
Eilat	22	28-38	38
Tiran Straits	32	28-38	38

**SOCIAL & PERSONAL**

Finnish Ambassador Matti Kahluoto paid a courtesy call yesterday on Mayor Arye Gurel, at Haifa city hall, to mark the opening of a "Photographs from Finland" exhibition in city hall's main foyer.

The first of this year's Aharon Katzir-Katchalsky Lectures on Biological Foundations and Human Behaviour was delivered yesterday, at the Weizmann Institute of Science by Sir George Porter, F.R.S., of the Royal Institution, London, whose topic was "Science and the Human Purpose." Prof. Ephraim Katzir was in the chair. Tomorrow, Sir George will speak on "The Photochemical Basis of Life - Ancient and Modern" and Prof. Michael Sela, president of the Weizmann Institute, will be in the chair.

**Begin denies coaching Eitan**

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Prime Minister's Office announced yesterday that Premier Menachem Begin had not given instructions to the chief of staff concerning Rav-Aluf Rafael Eitan's court affidavit on the security importance of Eilon Moreh. Press reports to this effect were entirely baseless, an official statement said.

"In this matter too, the prime minister has conducted himself in accordance with the law, and has held conversations only with the minister of defence," the statement said.

The statement apparently came in reaction to some media criticism which had been based on the reports that Begin was dealing directly with the chief of staff over the affidavit. Eitan's affidavit must be presented to the High Court of Justice as part of the government's case showing why the settlement should not be dismantled, as local Arab farmers demand.

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# Compromise plan for Soviet Jewish dropouts

By JUDY SEGEL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A solution to the ever-worsening Russian Jewish dropout problem remained far from sight yesterday when Prime Minister Menachem Begin, cabinet members, Jewish Agency officials and American Jewish leaders failed to reach immediate conclusions on what to do.

Begin proposed to the group, however, that the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS) and the Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) refrain from helping emigrants who do not have close relatives in the U.S. The American Jewish leaders were asked to bring the proposals before their boards and report back in three or four months, in time for the Jewish Agency board of governors meeting in October.

(The Absorption Ministry yesterday released a research study that concluded that all assistance to emigrants by HIAS and the Joint must be stopped in order to cut back the dropout rate.)

The premier's proposal came as a compromise after the group rejected Agency Executive Chairman Arye Druimwright's proposal that all Russian Jews who receive exit visas to Israel be brought to Israel, Druimwright noting that the dropout rate among emigrants is nearing 70 per cent, said HIAS and Joint have helped increase the dropout rate by their presence in Vienna and Rome.

Meanwhile, a group of former Prisoners of Zion, including Eduard Kuznetsov, Silva Zalmanson, Arye Kukh and Anatoly Altman, sent a petition to the Jewish Agency Assembly calling for the granting of "temporary resident" status to all Russian Jewish emigrants, who would thus have the right to go to another country (without jeopardizing their refugee status) after a certain period of residence in Israel.

Michal Yudelman adds from Tel Aviv:

Former Prisoner of Zion Mark Dymshits, other Prisoners of Zion and Immigration activists demanded yesterday that Russian immigrants who qualify for aliyah be granted Israeli citizenship in the Dutch embassy in Moscow, thus allowing the immigrants to proceed to Israel only. Immigrants who opt for the U.S. or Australia will have to arrange permits in Moscow for that country, they said.

To prevent Soviet Jews from settling in countries other than Israel, Dymshits and the activists insisted that the emigrants stop receiving refugee status as soon as they leave Soviet Union. The Jewish Agency has been granting them refugee status in Vienna and Rome at the demand of HIAS and Joint, which then arrange the refugees' trips to the U.S.

# 14 honoured in Tel Aviv

By MICHAL YUDELMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Fourteen veteran Tel Avivians were last night declared distinguished citizens (worthies of Tel Aviv) in a ceremony led by Mayor Shlomo Lahat in the Habimah theatre here. Those honoured were:

- Uri Alpert, born in 1909, served as Tel Aviv's Labour Council secretary for 16 years.
- Reuven Ben-David, born in Poland in 1909, a leader of the Tel Aviv branch of Hapoel Hamizrachi and former employment bureau manager here. Active in the National Religious Party.
- Miriam Bernstein Cohen, born in Kishinev (Russia) in 1894, one of the founders of Israeli theatre. A Cameri Theatre actress since 1962.
- Efraim Dekel, born in Russia in 1903, a Hagana member, served with the Mafat intelligence service (Shai) and with Tel Aviv's mandate-period police, former manager of Jaffa port.
- Mordechai Vinitzky, born in Russia in 1907, a Hagana member, formerly worked in Solal Bonsh, now chairman of Hapoel veteran association in Tel Aviv.
- Meir Hartman, born in Poland in 1909, active in the Zionist movement and the General Zionists Union, one of the founders of Amidar and today a member of the board of managers of the Independent Liberal Party.
- Max Seligman, born in Wales in 1902, served as attorney for IZL and LEY members during the British mandate, chairman of the Israel Association of the British Commonwealth.
- Nissim Cohen, born in Yemen in 1906, a Betar graduate, member of the Tel Aviv municipal council for the last 14 years.
- Moshe Levy Nahum, born in Yemen in 1896, founder of Malan party and the Mukhtar of the Yehudim quarter.
- Tova Sanhedral-Goldreich, born in Poland, immigrated to Israel in 1924. One of the founders of Hapoel Mizרח women workers, formerly served as deputy Knesset speaker and a Knesset Member for four terms.
- Mordechai (Max) Kenet, born in London in 1909, former president of the Tel Aviv District Court.
- Moshe Rosenberg, born in Russia in 1899, was one of the commanders of Beitar and Tel Aviv and founded the IZL Veterans Club.
- Haikal Ramot, born in Poland in 1904, a founder of Mafam, member of the Tel Aviv municipal council and its executive for the last 19 years.

**ARRIVALS**

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**Atherton takes up post as U.S. envoy to Cairo**

He replaces Hermann Ellits, who left Cairo last month after retiring from the foreign service.

**ARMS SALE.** — The U.S. military command informed Congress yesterday it plans to sell Israel \$43.8 million worth of artillery ammunition and thermal sights for tanks to use in night fighting.

# Eitan's overruling military courts is 'slap in the face' for army judges

By ASHER WALLFISH  
Post Knesset Reporter

Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf Rafael Eitan's reduction of the sentence of an IDF officer from eight years to two, for an offence he committed during the Litani operation last year, was mentioned for the second day running in the Knesset yesterday, in a parliamentary question by Imri Ron (Alignment-Mafam) tabled to Defence Minister Ezer Weizman.

Ron asked Weizman:

- What was the reason for the officer's sentence being reduced after he was convicted?
- How many soldiers and officers were tried for looting and violence?
- How many does the chief of staff intend to pardon or to give a reduction of sentence, after they were found guilty?
- Does the minister not believe these remissions belittle the gravity of the actual offences?

Ron told reporters later that the offence of the officer in question as well as other offences committed during the Litani operation, were cited in the State Comptroller's report, in the penultimate draft submitted to the Knesset State Control Committee.

He said the IDF wanted to suppress large parts of the report, while the committee demanded maximum publication. Ron said finally the IDF persuaded the committee to delete the sections relating to the particular officer's offence, among others, but assumed the committee that the officer would receive the full punishment which his offence merited.

In fact, Ron noted, the original conviction was upheld when the officer appealed to a military court of appeal of five judges, presided over by Supreme Court Justice Meir Shamgar. Eitan's remission of sentence was a "slap in the face" for the five judges, he told reporters.

On the same issue, three MKs yesterday wrote Premier Begin, asking him to intervene and call in Eitan to explain. They were David Glas (NRP), the chairman of the Law Committee; Avihai Elhanan (Alignment-Labour) and Amnon Rubinstein (Shai). They said they would not disclose the text of their letter, till after it had reached Begin's hands.

A contrary trend was manifested yesterday from Alignment hawk Amos Hadar, who aired dissatisfaction that Labour dove Yocef Sarid raised the issue of the chief of staff's actions earlier this week. Hadar did this in a letter to party chairman Shimon Peres.

Without mentioning Sarid by name, Hadar said that MKs who have no battle experience in the IDF and do not understand army matters should keep quiet about them.

Hadar also attacked a Labour Party secretary-general, Avihai Elhanan, though not by name, for submitting sworn affidavit to the High Court in the Eilon Moreh plea, and accused him of abetting the Arab landowners' lawyer.

Hadar said the punishments meted out to offenders after the Litani operation were unjustifiably severe. MKs should do reserve duty during the Knesset recess, Hadar said, and so get to know the IDF and its problems personally.

Another like-minded Labour MK, Shoshana Arbell, told The Jerusalem Post that it is a sign of moral integration in the country when somebody goes to the High Court to challenge the opinion of the defence establishment.



Maurice Shannmas, an Egyptian-born Jew who emigrated to Israel in 1961, is shown here with his book describing the "brotherhood and friendship" between Egyptians and Jews as he remembers it from his childhood. He wrote the book after Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's peace initiative, dedicating it to him and Premier Menachem Begin. Sending Sadat a copy, Shannmas was surprised to receive a personal letter from the Egyptian president, who wrote that he read the book and said it proved the importance of art in the making of peace.

# WZO, gov't agree on six Nahal posts

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Six Nahal settlements will be established in the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and the Golan Heights, the Ministerial Settlement Committee and the World Zionist Organization agreed yesterday.

Meanwhile the Nahal, which prepared Reihan in northwest Samaria for civilian settlement, yesterday handed it over to its new residents. Plans are under way for also transferring to civilians the nearby Sal'it in August and Rimoni and Kobah Hahahar in the Jordan Valley at a later date.

Elsewhere in the West Bank, the cornerstone for 75 new housing units was yesterday laid in Ma'aleh Ephraim, and earth-moving equipment began clearing ground for 194 housing units in Ma'aleh Adumim.

Three of the new Nahal settlements will be established in the West Bank. Reihan B will rise near the present Reihan, a few kilometres across the former armistice lines near Umm El-Fahm. The Nahal corps will prepare it for immigrants from the Caucasus in the Soviet Union.

"Two Nahal outposts will be established in the Jordan Valley — near Almog and between Argaman and Mehola.

The other outposts are slated for the Gaza Strip, one in the East region in the south and the other near the industrial zone in the north.

The sixth outpost will be established in the central region of the Golan Heights at Tel Abu Katif.

The entire cabinet discusses the matter if a minister appeals the Defence Committee's decision, but a source in the cabinet secretariat told The Post he did not know whether such appeals had been made against these outposts.

Meanwhile, the Housing Ministry's earthmoving equipment had already completed clearing ground for roads for a town of 1,400 housing units in Ma'aleh Adumim, on the Jerusalem-Jericho road. Sh'maryahu Cohen, who is in charge of the ministry's operations there, told The Post he hoped 600 units will be ready for occupation by April 1980. The works are being done on land confiscated in 1974, he said.

Northeast of Ma'aleh Adumim, at Ma'aleh Ephraim, Asher Weizman, the ministry's director-general, yesterday laid cornerstones for 75 housing units so that the settlement could number 200 families. Fifty houses are already occupied there.

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ed that the committee is an apolitical, totally independent body under the terms of the government mandate given it in 1977.

The Likud-sponsored Finance Committee decision came like a bolt from the blue to the council and without any prior consultation with Hammer.

Council members also pointed out that the government had to fix university fees. The council took exception to this indirect method of pressuring it, via an out-in budget, into having to approach the Knesset Finance Committee over every item of expenditure it proposed to cover from the reserve budget.

Another emergency meeting in Jerusalem yesterday saw a gathering of all the heads of Israel's universities. This group termed the Knesset Committee decision a severe blow at the council. The academic heads added that they fully understood the attitude of Planning and Grants Committee members in wanting to return their mandates.

The academic leaders also said that if the status quo was not re-established, and the IL500m. cut restored, their committee will refuse responsibility for running the universities. Further, they will advise their executive committees and boards of governors to follow suit.

The government, they charged, had only a few days ago decided on university fees for the coming year in the light of the still current five-year agreement. (Students currently pay some IL7,000 in fees. The rise was to have brought this up to IL11,000. Now, observers say, fees will jump to an estimated IL21,000.) It is inconceivable that this decision not be honoured, they said, issuing a call to the Knesset plenum to restore the lopped-off IL500m.

But their call apparently fell on deaf ears.

During a Knesset debate on the budget, Adi Amoyal (Alignment-Labour) suggested that the choice lay between free education for yeshiva students and a situation whereby university students would have to work to finance their studies. He also claimed that university fees would climb from a planned IL1,300 to IL3,300.

But Avraham Melamed (National Religious Party) said that the Finance Committee's sub-committee on research would take action to restore the universities' missing IL500m.

# Six MKs say chief rabbis have no power from tomorrow

By ASHER WALLFISH  
Post Knesset Reporter

Six Knesset members yesterday warned the public that the two chief rabbis of Israel will have no legal powers after tomorrow because their terms of office will expire without having been renewed.

The six, belonging to four Knesset factions, wrote Religious Affairs Minister Aharon Abuhaitra that as of Sunday morning, the two chief rabbis' actions, decisions and rulings will be illegal, invalid, and not binding.

The chief rabbis, as well as the public having recourse to their rulings and services, should be alerted to this problem, the six MKs said. The two chief rabbis should also be told that they no longer have any right to receive the state and public services which their posts normally entitle them to.

The six MKs are Shulamit Aloni-

# Farm ministry says 'no' to home poultry subsidy

By ALAN ELSNER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The continuing conflict over the subsidy on imported beef took a new turn yesterday when senior agriculture ministry officials said that they would not implement further subsidies on locally-produced poultry. This appears to block a possible compromise solution between farmers and the government.

The dispute arose over farmers' claims that they cannot sell domestic poultry in competition with imported beef, which is subsidized by IL29 per kilo. Last week, farmers imposed sanctions causing nationwide milk, potato, and poultry shortages. They were persuaded to lift sanctions when MK Shlomo Lorincz, chairman of the Knesset Finance committee, promised to take up their case at cabinet level.

Last Sunday, the Ministerial Economic Committee adopted a proposal by Prime Minister Menachem Begin to freeze food prices "for the time being." It approved in next Sunday's weekly cabinet meeting the subsidy on imported beef will remain.

To avoid further sanctions, a compromise proposal was suggested by the Treasury on Tuesday to put an extra IL10 per kilo subsidy on domestically produced chickens.

The chief rabbis' terms of office expired one year ago, but were extended on the grounds that the elections were not ready. The terms are due to be extended once again because once again the elections are not ready. Now they will have to be extended retroactively and all the actions of the chief rabbis legally validated *post factum*. This situation has occurred during the terms of previous chief rabbis.

This manipulation is the result of political parties' interest in one candidate or another for the chief rabbinate. In the past, elections have been postponed to keep some men out, or to ensure that others stayed in, for terms far longer than the legislature intended.

# Police arrest 14-year-old with 'rich criminal past'

By YORAN BAE  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

JAFFA. — Detectives of the police force have arrested a 14-year-old boy who allegedly managed a whole gang of hangers-on than himself.

A Tel-Aviv district police officer, said yesterday that the police kept him a secret until they arrested one of the boy's partners, a 19-year-old Tel Avivian.

The little "boss" was arrested while breaking into a Jaffa jewellery store on Saturday. His 19-year-old accomplice managed to escape.

During questioning, it was revealed that the minor had an extensive criminal record. After a conviction in Tel Aviv's juvenile court for burglary several weeks ago, he was released for lack of adequate prison and was put on probation. A Jaffa investigator yesterday told The Jerusalem Post that the boy had a long string of burglaries under his belt. The investigator said the youth was the leader of a gang of criminals who were much older than himself, and who respected him greatly for his rich criminal past.

"We confront a most serious situation in the case of this boy, to whom we attribute scores of burglaries, especially in the Old-Jaffa area. Because of his age we cannot put him into prison, and he continues to break the law," Fakad Avraham Bromet said.

Bromet explained that Tel Monde prison has a youth section, but only for boys aged 16 or over. Minors under 16 do not get sent to jail but to closed institutions. But in the case of this boy, the closed institutions refuse to accept him, saying he would corrupt the others.

The Post has also learned that the police is searching for five adults who are suspected of belonging to the boy's gang.

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have been the result of accumulated pressure from the rejectionist front on the Syrians to limit Israel's freedom in systematically hitting the terrorists in Southern Lebanon.

Both Chief of Staff Eitan and Saguy said they did not feel that yesterday's incident would necessarily cause instability on the Golan Heights. But both also said that future developments in Lebanon were an open question. The chief of staff, however, added that Israel's declared policy of progressively hitting the terrorists at Israel's discretion would continue. O.C. of Forces David Ivri was the first enemy plane destroyed in combat since he took over command of the air force in 1977. Ivri refused to specify how many of the Syrian aircraft had been destroyed by F-15s and how many by MiGs. But he did say that the combat zone was in two main areas between Sidon and Beirut and that the battle lasted between two and three minutes.

The Syrians, he said, had dispatched between eight and 16 additional aircraft to the scene of the dog-fight, but these were recalled and did not enter the combat zone.

"It was all over very quickly," he noted, adding that at no time yesterday did Israeli planes violate Syrian air space.

Yesterday morning Israeli ground attack aircraft were sent against terrorist targets at Damur, Sidon — where terrorists are establishing artillery camps — and two bases near Tyre where terrorists were, according to Eitan, preparing for attacks in Israel.

The bombers, the chief of staff added, continued with their mission and recorded good hits, despite the aerial battles. All in all Israeli aircraft were over Lebanese territory for some 45 minutes, Eitan said.

Syrian aircraft began appearing in the air with greater regularity each time Israel went in against the terrorists.

On several occasions in the past the Syrians have come fairly close to the Israeli aircraft, but never within missile range, nor in an aggressive stance. Yesterday they did both and were shot down, he said.

Shortly before the Yam Khipur War, Israel shot down 13 Syrian MiGs in a single engagement and two months before the 1967 Six-Day War Israel downed six Syrian MiGs.

# Mekorot shuts the tap to 7 towns

TEL AVIV. — Mekorot yesterday cut off the supply of water for 24 hours of the day to seven local authorities because of "non-payment of debts." The seven are Bnei Brak, Rehovot, Petah Tikva, Or Yehuda, Ramle, Lod and Kiryat Ekron.

But water shortages do not appear to have been felt in these areas, since most of their water supply comes from local wells and reservoirs.

Mekorot spokesman, Moshe Jacobovitch said yesterday that the seven local authorities own a total of IL2.2m. in unpaid bills, with Bnei Brak by far the worst offender, owing IL1.25m.

"We can't supply these places forever without their paying," Jacobovitch said.

"We don't want there to be a shortage of drinking water so we decided to supply water for one hour in the morning and one in the evening. But apart from that, we have closed the taps."

A spokesman for the Petah Tikva municipality reacted by accusing Mekorot of "conduct unsuitable to a public company."

# Israeli Arab wants IDF to give information on son

By IAN BLACK  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Ali Alayan, a resident of Beit Safafa near Jerusalem, has asked the High Court of Justice to order the Ministry of Defence to show cause why it should not reveal the whereabouts of his son. According to Alayan's lawyer, Ibrahim Alayan, his son Shukri, 23, has been held by the IDF for an unknown period without any charges brought against him.

Alayan yesterday applied to the High Court to order the Defence Ministry to allow the family to visit their son, who has not been seen by the family since he went on holiday to Europe last September.

The Alayan family learnt that their son was being held by the IDF when another member of the family, cousin Mustafa Alayan, was arrested three weeks ago. According to the attorney, Mustafa was taken to the Petah Tikva police station, where he was shown a man whom he identified, with considerable difficulty, as his cousin Shukri.

Lawyer Ibrahim Alayan, whose relation, applied to the Prison Service, to the Ministry of Defence and to the state attorney's office to discover the precise whereabouts of Shukri and why he was being held.

He said he learnt, after considerable delay, that Shukri was being held by the IDF. The legal adviser to the Defence Ministry said that he would not be permitted to see Shukri before July 5. Alayan said, adding that the adviser refused to explain why. Alayan submitted a writ of habeas corpus to the court yesterday.

The High Court decided that the application would be heard by a panel of three judges within the next few days.

Members of the Alayan family said Shukri worked as a Higad worker in Jerusalem Forest retraining pool before he went abroad last September. His last contact with the family was a letter from Europe last year.

My dear husband, my dear father, our grandfather,

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The Israel and Foreign Affairs Ministry

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Department of Mathematics

We share the sorrow of  
Prof. Borah Kreizmer  
on the passing of his

**FATHER**

and extend sincere condolences.

# Kiryat Arba women to continue Hebron squat

By IAN BLACK  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The 40 women and children from Kiryat Arba who have been squatting in the old Hadassah building in Hebron for the last two months will not evacuate the site, despite the request of Prime Minister Menachem Begin, sources in the Jewish suburb said last night.

Activists in Kiryat Arba's Action Committee for the Return of the Jewish Community to Hebron told *The Jerusalem Post* that after "informal consultations" throughout the day the "general feeling" was that the committee would reject Begin's request, conveyed to the representatives of the squatters yesterday by his military aide, Tati Aluf Ephraim Poran.

Poran told a four-woman delegation led by Miriam Levinger at a meeting at the Prime Minister's Office early yesterday morning that Begin would raise the matter of a settlement in Hebron at a cabinet meeting in the near future if the squatters agreed to evacuate the building.

At the meeting, which was held on the initiative of the premier's office, Poran told the women that Begin had no reason why Jews should not live in Hebron. But in order to avoid pressure, the prime minister hoped that the women would leave the Hadassah building.

Gush Emunim activist Meir Eshkol, who is a leading figure in the

political life of Kiryat Arba, told *The Post* last night that "although the government is moving in the direction of settling Judea and Samaria, its steps are still hesitant and it is not behaving as if we are a sovereign people in our homeland."

Eshkol said that the settlers would reject the premier's request not because they did not trust the government, but because of the effect that leaving the Hadassah building would have on the "character of the struggle for a Jewish Hebron."

"How," Eshkol asked, "would we explain it to our children if we left? Would they have asked us to leave Nea Ziona?" He added that the women were prepared to continue to suffer the difficult conditions in the dilapidated Hadassah building.

Last week the women and children, who have been squatting in the building since the end of April, were given permission to enter and leave as they please, but no new demonstrators are allowed in. Last week's decision, which apparently originated in the Prime Minister's Office, was made for what were described as "humanitarian reasons."

A sizeable Jewish community lived in Hebron until the massacre of 1929, and as the 50th anniversary of the "disturbances" of that year approach, Kiryat Arba residents are stepping up their campaign for a renewed Jewish presence in the now wholly Arab town.



Delegates to the Jewish Agency Assembly paid a visit yesterday to Tel Aviv's Hatikva quarter, one of the slum neighbourhoods slated for rehabilitation under the auspices of the Diaspora-funded Project Renewal. (Sasson — Zoom 77)

## Levy sees Ramot blossoming

By AARON SITTNER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jerusalem's Ramot suburb, now still in the first of the five phases of its development, will probably bloom into "a little city of its own," Minister of Housing and Construction David Levy predicted yesterday.

Levy and his aides toured Ramot to see for themselves how the dozen building contractors, working for themselves and for the Housing Ministry, were progressing.

"Some of the builders are working harder than others," district engineer Yoram Gadish reported. "That's why some of our timetables are being met while others are not. Another delaying factor crops up when the State Lands Administration holds up transfer of a parcel even when the builder is ready to start digging foundations."

According to district engineer Gadish, approximately 3,000 flats out of the 8,900 in the existing phase one sector of Ramot are already occupied. Phase two development and construction will begin before the end of this year, and phase three, in 1980. No target date has yet been set

for phase four and the commercial and communal hub to be known as phase five.

Gadish said: "Phase five, which is to be called Merkaz, will be located right in the geographical centre of Ramot and will offer not only supermarkets, department stores and boutiques, but community centres, theatres and other cultural facilities."

"Since the Merkaz will serve a population of 35,000 or more, it will be very large. There will be an enormous pedestrian mall, and the air above it will be spanned by five or more overpasses, vehicular and pedestrian — to allow for easy access from one sector of Ramot to the other."

Levy was critical of existing plans as they apply to shops. "I cannot accept the premise that a neighbourhood should open up for occupancy with the residents having to walk or ride kilometres to buy their basic necessities. Why should Ramot families have to wait till the Merkaz is built?"

Levy also urged his engineers and the builders they work with to inform him of any bureaucratic difficulties they encounter when dealing with the State Lands Administration.

## Police haul Nablu officials in for post-rally questioning

By IAN BLACK  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Nablus Mayor Bassam Shaka and other members of the city council were called in yesterday for questioning by police in connection with last week's demonstration with the new settlement at Eilon Moreh.

It was announced on Tuesday that participants in the protest, which was banned by the authorities, would stand trial.

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city council, Dr. Hatem Abu Ghazala, told reporters that the "disturbances" will give us a second opportunity to show our protest against Eilon Moreh and our solidarity with our nationalist aspirations."

"They gave us what we want," Abu Ghazala declared.

"Another political demonstration but this time in a court, and world public opinion will look at our cause through logic and reason, not through demonstrations."

Shaka reiterated yesterday that the protest march was peaceful (stones were thrown by youngsters but he did his best to restrain them).

Military government sources stressed yesterday that the decision to try the demonstrators was taken after Shaka and the others "bravely defied public order," despite a series of warnings to refrain from doing so.

The same sources expressed anger that a number of West Bank mayors, including Karim Khalaf (Ramallah), Elias Freij (Bethlehem) and Ibrahim Tawil (Hebron) had participated in Tuesday's demonstration. They said that the "bravery" of the demonstrators was a "defiance of public order."

Some 3,000 people participated in the funeral in Ramallah, and it turned into a noisy and sometimes violent political demonstration, with the chanting of pro-PLO, anti-Sadat and anti-Israel slogans. At one point troops fired into the air to disperse the crowd and a number of arrests were made.

## Begin: Yeshayahu 'a thorough Zionist'

Post Knesset Reporter

"Yisrael Yeshayahu was a Zionist through and through," Prime Minister Menachem Begin said yesterday at a special memorial session for the late Knesset Speaker at the conclusion of the shiva.

Yeshayahu's ally had been proceeded by a prison term, "a ghettoisation that has accompanied the Jewish people since the last few generations," said Begin, noting that Yeshayahu had suffered for Eretz Yisrael.

"He was a good man, a devoted Zionist, an exemplary parliamentarian, and a proud Hebrew," Begin said.

Alignment chairman Shimon Peres termed Yeshayahu a "one-man department of ally and absorption." He was at "address" for Yemenuite olim who came here after he died, and he had searched out, encouraged and nurtured all their talents, both material and spiritual.

Speaker Yitzhak Shamir quoted from Yeshayahu's farewell speech at the close of the Eighth Knesset, in which the late speaker had expressed his gratification at having been granted the privilege of serving his people in Eretz Yisrael.

## Haifa's theatre successful, but broke

By MARY HIRSCHFELD  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA — The municipal theatre is close to bankruptcy, its manager, Oded Kotler told a press conference here yesterday. He said that although this had been the theatre's most successful season so far, it was still heavily in debt and left with only enough to meet salaries at the start of the next season in August.

Kotler attacked Education Minister Zevulun Hammer for not having found time to approve the theatre's new budget. The ministry,

together with the municipality, is responsible for some 60 per cent of this budget which is projected at IL4m. Some 40 per cent is expected to come from ticket sales.

This season the theatre company racked up a total of 506 performances seen by over 300,000 people, about a third of them in development towns which the company toured.

Planned for next year are Brecht's "Galileo Galilei," with Yossi Banai in the lead, the Greek tragedy "Agamemnon," a Hanna Senesh evening, and a number of original Hebrew plays.

## 350,000 signatures on petitions for Golan

TEL AVIV — Some 100,000 people yesterday signed petitions to the government to impose Israeli sovereignty over the Golan Heights, Shimon Sheves, coordinator of the

committee for Golan settlements, said.

It brings to 350,000 the number of signatures collected so far. Sheves assessed officer found that the shop's real income was some IL2.8m.

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## Strike talks scheduled with hospital employees

Post Economic Reporter

The Civil Service Commission is expected to meet today with representatives of the administrative staffs of the nation's hospitals, to attempt to avoid a nation-wide administrative workers' strike next Sunday.

The Ministerial Committee on Wages and Prices authorized the commission and the Health Ministry has begun preparing stand-by procedures in the event the strike talks are fruitless.

## Haifa Hagana graves to be restored

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA — The Soldiers' Commemoration Division in the Defence Ministry has allocated IL1m for the reconditioning of the headstones of the 96 Hagana men who fell while serving with the Hagana between 1936-39.

Former Hagana members in the city have called on relatives of the fallen men to forward their personal details, including names of parents, place and date of birth and age at the time of death, to make the repairs possible. The details can be sent to the Organization of Hagana Members at POB 9287, Haifa.

## Tax file spot checks turn up bent self-employed, companies

By SHELOMO MAOZ  
Post Economic Reporter

Self-employed persons and companies continue to cheat the state of vast sums in income tax. They generally declare only between 33 to 25 per cent, and sometimes even as little as 15 per cent of their true incomes. But closer probes by the tax authorities have recently succeeded in drawing many into the tax net, said deputy tax commissioner Avraham Tsarfati yesterday.

Tsarfati said that while spot checks of a representative sampling of income tax files should have subjected 5,000 to scrutiny in the last tax year, his men had in fact only managed to go into 5,000 files. Nevertheless, each assessment officer's planned load of 80 files had been increased to 36. The short-fall in files checked was due to a shortage of manpower, he claimed.

Giving examples of tax evasions that in fact place a heavier than necessary burden on the taxpayer, Tsarfati mentioned a contracting firm which declared an income of only IL2,000, although examination of its affairs showed that its real income was IL1,150,000. Another contractor's firm had declared only IL450,000, as compared with its true income of IL2,500,000.

A Jerusalem family partnership which owns petrol stations, a construction company and rental apartments had declared income of IL4.2m. But the assessment officer's check showed income that was up to IL4.8m.

Spot sample checks in Rehovot turned up a grocery and greengrocery store whose owner was prepared to admit to IL556,000; however, the

assessing officer found that the shop's real income was some IL2.8m.

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## Anti-drug abuse auction planned for Tel Aviv

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV — A benefit auction to raise funds for the Al-Bam drug abuse prevention society has been slated to take place during a summer ball under the auspices of the wife of the U.S. ambassador, Sally Lewis.

Among the items up for sale during the auction at the Laromme

Hotel ball will be a silver statuette of David and Goliath, which was presented to Premier Menachem Begin last year by sculptor Shyamin Messing. Also on sale at IL100 a person ball will be a silver bracelet that was given to Defence Minister Ezer Weizman during his first trip to Egypt as a gift for his wife.

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IL11,732,000  
first prize  
IL2,000,000

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## Givers, takers put squeeze on bureaucrats

By JUDY SIEGEL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Both residents of Israel's slum neighbourhoods and fund-raisers from abroad yesterday appeared to form an alliance of impatience over bureaucratic delays in implementation of Project Renewal.

Diaspora delegates to the Jewish Agency Assembly spoke with as much urgency, worry and disappointment as slum residents whose neighbourhoods are slated to be rehabilitated under the plan proposed nearly two years ago by Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

"What a blow it would be to our fund-raising efforts and to our credibility if it doesn't work," said Philip Granovsky, a Canadian member of the Agency board of governors, in a pessimistic speech. "Virtually no work has been done except in a handful of cases. People who give money want to see action — at least a beginning."

Addressing himself to Israeli officials, Ernest Michel of New York said: "You can kill this programme if you continue to do what you have so far. You're playing with fire. The problem is here and not in the U.S. I visited the slum neighbourhoods which had cancelled a scheduled demonstration outside Jerusalem's

Binyanei Ha'ooma where the Assembly is taking place, instead sat quietly in the hall and waited until they were recognized by the chairman. Having quickly mastered the political skills of compromise and timing, the slum residents seemed to be waiting to see how the compromise reached on Tuesday between the government, the Agency and the Jerusalem Municipality would turn out.

After thanking the Assembly delegates for their efforts on behalf of Project Renewal, Ya'acov Yona of the capital's Katamonim quarter warned those "who want to make political capital out of Project Renewal" that their plans would boomerang. He demanded that the delegates "sit here and decide about starting the rehabilitation until white smoke comes out."

Eliesser Kapshael, the Agency's director-general of Project Renewal, said that the understanding is like a symphony that has too many conductors and that has been tuning up for too long. "Only now are we beginning to hear some music." An exciting new development is that Diaspora contributors "prefer visiting the slum neighbourhoods to which they're matched than to see Masada," and that they are dealing

with each other as allies on a human level.

The organizers have already given IL4m to the Hatikva quarter in Tel Aviv for planning rehabilitation and will donate more to other localities who can't afford the preparatory work.

Deputy Prime Minister Yigael Yadin, who officially heads the project, said that the organizing stages are over and implementation is about to begin.

Local steering committees comprising representatives of the government, the cities and residents have been set up in 21 of the first 30 neighbourhoods selected. In 10 of those places, proposals passed by the local committees have been approved at the national level. Yadin promised that Project Renewal would not be affected by current budget cutting, and that the government would keep its promise to match, dollar for dollar, the Diaspora's commitment to collect \$600m. for it.

After the four-hour morning session, delegates boarded buses to tour slum neighbourhoods and Galilee settlements. Prime Minister Begin will address the closing session of the Assembly this evening at the Knesset.

## Technion Board sets budget of IL1.07b. at annual meet

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA — The Technion International Board of Governors, ending its annual meeting yesterday, approved a IL1.07b. budget for the coming school year while expressing concern that tuition fees have not yet been determined.

They warned that any increase in fees laid down by the Navon committee would seriously restrict study in Israel's universities, especially at the Technion. They also called on the government to give top priority to technical education as a step

towards economic independence.

The 200 board members from Israel and abroad expressed concern over the decline in high school pupils choosing physics as a major subject, which they say augured ill not only for university entrance but for the future of Israel's technical proficiency.

Board chairman Evelyn de Rothschild of London was re-elected for another one-year term, and Uzi Galil, director-general of the Elron company, deputy chairman. Professor Eud Lanz of the mechanical engineering faculty was elected vice-president for research.

## Israel Bank okays Palestine Bank's reopening in Gaza

By SHELOMO MAOZ  
Post Economic Reporter

The Bank of Israel has given its consent to the reopening of the Palestine Bank in the Gaza Strip, which has been closed since the 1967 Six Day War.

The delay in the bank's reopening has been bureaucratic, according to Bank of Israel inspector Oded Meser, who met with newsmen yesterday in the capital for a press conference.

Meser said that the bank, which belongs to the a-Shawwa family of Gaza, will be subject to all the regulations of Israeli banks, according to the rules of the military government.

Meser added that during the transitional autonomy period, the banking rules of Israel should dictate the banking regulations in the autonomy territories. Meser said that as long as the border between the territories are open the intricate links between the economies of Israel and the administered territories necessitated the implementation of Israeli banking rules in the region.

"Meser said that the Palestine Bank owns commercial holdings in Egypt, and has depositors who have not seen their money for 13 years, and borrowers who have not yet repaid their money owed to the bank. Meser said the first priorities of the bank should be to collect from debtors, to pay back depositors, and to retrieve money from Egypt. Later after the bank is back on its feet, it can open for normal activities."

## Full employment in areas Israel tells ILO meet

By AARON SITTNER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Residents of the West Bank and Gaza Strip have never enjoyed such good employment and vocational training as under Israeli administration, Labour Ministry Director-General Yisrael Goralnik told the International Labour Organization

assembly last week.

Goralnik, who has since returned from the Geneva conference, denied the report on the administered areas rendered by the ILO investigating team that visited the region earlier this year.

The report, said Goralnik, must be seen as a repeat of the grossly unfair document rendered last year.

"People who want to learn a trade can get all the free vocational training they need at our institutions," he said.

As a result of Goralnik's address, an Arab move to have the ILO assembly condemn Israel failed, according to the Ministry spokesman.

## 3 named in nightclub extortion case

TEL AVIV (Itim) — The district attorney yesterday submitted to the District Court a charge sheet against two Tel Aviv brothers and a minor who allegedly used extortion and robbery as part of a campaign to sell the Peacock Lounge nightclub.

The charge sheet said the two brothers, Asher Doron, 26, and his brother Avi, 21, along with a 15-year-old boy, were charged with robbing and extorting money from a Belgian who briefly owned a part of the Kikar Atarim nightclub.

The three allegedly asked to buy out the Belgian, and when he refused to sell they allegedly stole \$55,000 in cash and jewelry from him.

## BIG WIN — A Rishon Lezion resident yesterday won IL2m in the weekly draw of the Lotto lottery. The minimum prize in the coming draw will be IL1.5m.

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Oil policy rifts cloud summit in Tokyo today

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OPEC talks stall as Saudis resist stiff hike

GENEVA (Reuters). — Talks on the price of oil became deadlocked yesterday as Saudi Arabia, the world's number one exporter, resisted pressure from a majority of OPEC members who want substantial increases.

Seven Soviet Pentecostals still squat in U.S. embassy

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French may lift death penalty in some cases

PARIS (Reuters). — French Justice Minister Alain Peyrefitte has proposed abolition or suspension of the death penalty for some crimes, but has warned that total abolition without a transition period would involve an enormous risk and lead to the collapse of public morals.

Another 826 Viets are towed out

KUALA LUMPUR (AP). — The Malaysian government towed 826 Vietnamese refugees out to international waters yesterday in eight boats, some of them bought specifically for that purpose, a government spokesman said.

Yemeni embassy under Yard surveillance

LONDON (Reuters). — Special Scotland Yard police officers have checked on visitors leaving the South Yemen embassy in London, British officials said yesterday.

EEC aid 'too little' for Third World

BRUSSELS (Reuters). — Talks on a new aid pact between the European Common Market and 57 developing countries broke up today in bitterness and confusion.

Most expensive auction was 'incredible...a slight nod'

MONTE CARLO (UPI). — With the 201st bang of an ivory-tipped gavel, the world's most expensive furniture sale ended Tuesday night.



A world record price of about \$1.2 million was paid on Monday for this Louis XV corner cabinet at Sotheby's auction in Monte Carlo.

Shah denies Iranian claim of assassination attempt

TEHRAN (UPI). — Sheikh Sadeq Khaikhal, the self-proclaimed chief of Iran's revolutionary court, said yesterday Moslem revolutionaries machine-gunned the Mexican home of Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi but failed to kill him.

Zambia warns Zimbabwe on Lusaka helicopter raids

LUSAKA. — The government-owned Zambia newspaper yesterday said Zimbabwe might see revenge for Zimbabwe-Rhodesia's raids on her territory.

Iraq is latest Gaddafi stop in tour on 'conflict'

BAGHDAD (Reuters). — Libyan Leader Muammar Gaddafi arrived in Baghdad yesterday from Amman for an official visit at the invitation of Iraqi President Ahmed Hassan al-Bakr.

Nicaraguan rebels won't compromise

MANAGUA (UPI). — Sandinista guerrillas yesterday rejected any compromise in Nicaragua's civil war and said they had captured a National Guard artillery battery, breaching a military stalemate and advancing 10 kilometers farther north from the Costa Rican border.

Iraqis to be tried in S. Yemen murder

ADEN (AP). — Three Iraqi embassy security agents will stand trial next month on charges of terrorism, espionage and illegal weapons possession, officials said yesterday.

Hashish haul reveals smuggling operation

FRANKFURT (UPI). — Police in London and Montreal have arrested a dozen persons suspected of being involved in a massive hashish smuggling operation that was uncovered here last week.

Thousands call UK police after hearing 'Ripper' tape

LONDON (UPI). — Police said yesterday they had received more than 1,000 calls from people who think they know the identity of the 'Yorkshire Ripper' following the broadcast of a tape in which he boasted he would kill for a 19th time.

China grows in people, goods

TOKYO (AP). — China's population climbed to 875,000,000 last year, the official Xinhua News Agency reported yesterday.

Vietnamese, Khmer Rouge clash along Thai border

ARANYAPRATHET, Thailand — Vietnamese mortar shells smashed into Thailand yesterday wounding 15 Thai villagers as fighting with Khmer Rouge guerrillas flared again on the Cambodian border.



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Chairperson: Judge Israel Maisels
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Report on Budget Workshops
Chairperson: Ms. Charlotte Jacobson
Reporter of Budget Committee: Mr. Jack Rose
Discussion of Report
11.15 a.m. — 1.30 p.m. RESOLUTIONS PLENARY
Chairperson: Mr. Nessim D. Gaon
Draft Resolutions — Immigration and Absorption: Prof. Allen Pollack
Draft Resolutions — Project Renewal
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# Still waiting for a happy ending

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

FOR THE past two months, Jerusalem's Musrara Quarter, which has had more than its share of hard times and notoriety, has been waiting for a happy ending that would turn the neighbourhood from long-suffering slum to buoyant community.

That happy ending appears to have landed on the cutting room floor, however, because of too many directors.

Musrara had been matched with Los Angeles in Operation Renewal, the much-heralded programme that was to have led to the rehabilitation of 185 under-privileged neighbourhoods in Israel, with each under the sponsorship of a specific foreign Jewish community.

The Jerusalem Municipality appointed urban planner Annette Hochstein last November, to head the team drawing up plans for the restoration of Musrara and half a dozen other neighbourhoods within Operation Renewal. But jurisdictional disputes among various authorities have stalled Operation Renewal all along the line.

Musrara, straddling between the former Mandelbaum Gate and the Old City's New Gate, was founded by wealthy Arab Christians at the end of the last century. It became a battleground in the War of Independence and ended up within Israeli lines.

For the next 10 years, Musrara was a border zone subject to periodic sniping. Moroccan immigrants were moved into its empty houses in the early 1960s, with as many as 5-10 families squatting in what had been a single family house with one toilet and one kitchen. Some of the immigrants moved into abandoned homes in no-man's-land.

The Six Day War beat briefly upon the Quarter's sturdy stone houses. When the storm had passed, the residents emerged to find themselves no longer on the border but in the heart of a vibrant city. As a prime piece of real estate, however, its slum character could no longer be tolerated by the authorities, and the Lands Authority drew up an urban renewal plan that would have meant bulldozing much of Musrara. The

municipality objected to this approach, however, and it was decided in the end to spare the quarter's buildings.

Meanwhile, the residents of Musrara were expressing their own philosophy of urban life. It was from the quarter's alleys that the Black Panthers emerged to briefly electrify the country as they shouted out the long latent discontent of the Oriental Jewish immigrant at the short end that fate or an Ashkenazim establishment, had given them. The fact that it was municipal street gang workers who inspired the Panthers' organisation did not detract from the genuineness of the passions its young leaders eloquently expressed, as they mounted stone walls to address their followers.

WITH THE passing of the Panthers and the urban renewal plan, Musrara receded again into obscurity. The first thing Annette Hochstein did last fall to prepare Musrara for Operation Renewal was to order a survey of the neighbourhood to see what had changed in the past few years. The results were astonishing.

Since the last survey by the Lands Authority in 1971, the neighbourhood's population had fallen by a third — from 3,340 to 2,240. The percentage of children had also fallen, as young families moved to Jerusalem's outer ring of new neighbourhoods.

The lingering problems of Musrara emerged forcefully in the statistics. Half the residents did not yet have an adequate toilet — the facility was either shared with other families, substandard, or consisted of a backyard outhouse. Almost a third had no hot water, the residents going to mikvah (ritual baths) for routine bathing.

In Jerusalem, 16 per cent of Jewish families consist of six or more persons, but in Musrara the figure was double that. Every evening, mattresses are spread around the floors of the quarter's small apartments as the families prepare for sleep.

The scene outside the houses was not much better. The local elementary school lacked adequate professional staff and was being phased out, children in the lowest grades being bused to schools elsewhere in the city. Facilities like Mother and Child clinics were housed in inadequate temporary structures. Because of the uncertainty about the quarter's future, there had been little development of its infrastructure.

The major positive development in Musrara had been the launching last year of an expansion programme in two apartment blocks that would add an extra room and balconies totalling 18 square metres to 100 apartments of 45 square metres.

Municipal community workers defined the major social problems for Hochstein's team. A high percentage of post-army-age young men said they did not have any fixed job. Fifty young couples, some of them with children, were still living with parents. Competing with them for the small number of apartments that might become available from time to time, was a sizeable number of young local unmarrieds in their 20s who wanted the privacy of their own apartment. There were also 20

families with 10 or more members for whom no appropriate housing existed in Musrara.

THE SOLUTION worked out for Musrara by the municipality's Operation Renewal team was a tailored proposal that departed sharply from the normal urban renewal concept of raising and rebuilding.

Instead of levelling the old Arab houses in which 60 per cent of the quarter's residents lived, it was proposed that houses be renovated to provide a rationally ordered space for each family, including separate kitchen and toilet facilities. Residents would be moved into temporary quarters while their homes were being repaired.

Only some 60-80 new apartments would have to be added to the quarter to overcome the housing difficulties once the renovation and expansion projects were completed. The apartment stock would be designed to meet the particular needs of Musrara's population.

The planning team also drew up plans for training programmes for young men without any trade. In addition, all social services would be integrated so that the various agencies serving Musrara would act as part of one neighbourhood team, rather than as independent and sometimes competing fiefdoms.

The ultimate object of the plan, according to Hochstein, is to introduce a middle-class population alongside the indigenous Musrara population to provide a social mix. There is space enough for doubling the present population comfortably, and there is considerable middle-class interest in acquiring



Hope for Musrara? Jewish Agency Assembly delegates visited the quarter last year during a tour of deprived areas. (Zoom 77)

apartments there. The present residents, however, are fearful of being displaced by a new population and insist on having their own housing problems met before housing is provided for newcomers.

The residents have a Yemin Moshe syndrome," says Hochstein, a reference to the former slum neighbourhood cleared of its residents after the Six Day War in order to convert the old houses into luxury dwellings. "We've promised first to solve the local problems."

A STRONG local leadership has emerged in Musrara, the "Musrara" (Adults), between 40-50 who have lived in the quarter since arriving in the country close to 30 years ago. In a recent election for a neighbourhood committee, almost 40 per cent of Musrara's residents

turned out to vote. "The angry young men now have little weight in Musrara," says Hochstein. "The adults are concerned about the neighbourhood's image and don't want them to stir up trouble." In the last elections, former Black Panther leader faced poorly in Musrara, their home ground.

The cost of putting Musrara on its feet in Project Renewal is estimated at \$10m-15m. Plans for beginning the operation have been ready in Hochstein's office since March, but because of a bureaucratic dispute between the Jewish Agency and the government, the programme has been stalled throughout the country.

Even if this is resolved, a jurisdictional dispute between the government — particularly the Housing Ministry — and the Jerusalem Municipality may make Hochstein's

detailed planning irrelevant. Housing Minister David Levy insists on the programme in Jerusalem and elsewhere being run directly by his own ministry, and Mayor Teddy Kollek has said he is therefore lifting his hands from any direct responsibility for the project, although he will assist wherever possible.

Because of these bureaucratic snarls, all the good intentions and enthusiasms that sparked Operation Renewal appear to be in danger of withering.

"The only question," says a Jerusalem municipal official, "is who cracks first and gives up — the professionals who drew up the plans and are prepared to execute them, the residents who have been looking forward to the programme with great expectations, or the foreign donors."

# Welcome visitors from Beersheba

THE BEERSHEBA ORCHESTRA, Mendi Rodan conducting with Vladimir Orloff, soloist, M. Zakai (Jerusalem, June 24). Gideon Lewinson: "Mizmorim" for voice, clarinet and orchestra (premiere); Tchaikovsky: Eozoco Variations, for Cello and Orchestra; Berlioz: "Wals d'Isis," Song cycle for voice and orchestra; Beethoven: "Dionysus."

THE OVER-FULL music week in Jerusalem resulted in a reduced audience — a pity as the Beersheba Orchestra seldom comes to the capital. Its programming is always interesting, its performance highly satisfying.

Lewinson's "Mizmorim" seems, on first hearing, a well-conceived piece, though without knowing the words or having the score it is difficult to determine the intent of a new work. The composer deserves credit for his attempt to express himself in more conservative language than is customary nowadays, when everybody wants to be "original."

Vladimir Orloff is a musician of great sincerity and drive; his deep personal involvement made every phrase come alive and filled every

line with meaning. Mira Zakai's choice of the Berlioz songs was a poor one. These songs call for a more elastic and transparent voice than hers. Her efforts to reach the high notes were simply painful, and her style reflected a certain stiffness.

Orloff's charming "Dionysus" provided good entertainment, and the orchestra was brilliant, with Mendi Rodan, as usual, in perfect command.

Unfortunately, as nobody thought of taking the hall's acoustics into account, the music was muffled and the conductor's cues were inaudible.

ISRAEL CHAMBER ORCHESTRA — Rudolf Barshai, conducting; Boris Belkin, violin; Valery Maslky, Helena Kasakova, harpichord (Jerusalem Theatre — June 29). Handel: Water Music, Suite No. 1; Beethoven: Piano Concerto No. 2; Prokofiev: Wals d'Isis; Prokofiev: Overture on Hebrew Themes.

AFTER NOT HEARING the Israel Chamber Orchestra for some time, I was struck again by its discipline, which showed in precise and polished presentations.

As benefits of an end-of-season programme, the fare was "popular classics." Clean brass added its sheen to a festive "Water Music." The "Overture on Hebrew Themes" — though not more than a friendly gesture towards Jewish colleagues — was played with gusto and in well-placed dynamic shades.

The whispering harpichord in the Bach concerto was rounding applause from a friendly audience, which, apparently intended to, encourage their compatriots (all seemed to be from Russia). Barshai kept the strings down to a minimum so as to let the tinkle of the keyboard instruments come through — but, he failed to achieve the desired effect. Boris Belkin — who came to Israel

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in 1974 (as reported in the programme) but left almost immediately (as not reported in the programme) — gave impressive display of his great talent: soft singing phrases, strong accents, easy handling of runs and tricky technical

details were superbly executed. Rudolf Barshai and the orchestra gave their best possible support. A good evening showing the Israel Chamber Orchestra in good shape.

YOHANAN BOEHM  
HAIFA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, Dan Vogel, conductor. (Haifa Museum, June 24). Meyerbeer: March from the opera "The Prophet"; Aaron: Jewish Melodies; Beethoven: "Fidelio"; Haydn: Symphony No. 30, "Hallelujah"; Engel: "The Dybbuk"; Saito: Saint-Saens: Bacchante from the opera "Samson and Delilah," etc.

THE HSO has started a new fashion of open-air symphonic concerts on the grounds of the Haifa Museum, using the theme of the exhibition "Music in the Bible — The Bible in Music."

The oldest Christian prayers, both Catholic and Byzantine, have their roots in the prayers and psalms sung in the Temple. Haydn's charming

symphony incorporates part of a plainsong "Hallelujah" that has never been translated before. The symphony's second movement was omitted, but the first and third were rendered well.

"Pithei Ha-hoshen" refer to the engraved design on the breast-plate worn by the Kohanim in the Temple. Too much was cut in the performance of this work to give any clear and lasting impression of it.

Two movements from Engel's "Dybbuk" Suite, originally composed for klezmerim (Jewish folk musicians) and solo clarinet, which was played here by Leigh Myers, received a muddled performance, as did the opening "Coronation March" from Meyerbeer's opera, especially in the brass. The Handel, a charming minuet from "Samson" and two movements from the orchestral suite "Water Music," was correctly played.

With such good preparations, concerts like these should be encouraged to help enlarge the circle of Haifa's music lovers.

ESTHER REUTER

DENMARK'S Mid Sealand Chamber Orchestra and the Gundsee Choir have arrived in Israel on a goodwill tour. All their concerts here, unlike those in Denmark, will be free of charge though the group's members have saved for a long time to pay for their trip. They have expressed a wish to provide music for people who need to be cheered up. The group includes some 150 members of semi-professional status, with soloists from the Royal Danish Opera and Orchestra. The concert will be on Scandinavian composers.

Their performance schedule includes Netanya, where the group will stay, Kibbutz Ha'ogen, an open-air concert in Tel Aviv on Saturday night, Kibbutz Givat Haim, and, finally, a grand concert at the Jerusalem Theatre on July 4. This goodwill tour will offer Israelis the opportunity to experience Scandinavian music in authentic performances. Y.E.

# NEWSPAPER LEGITIMATELY BANNED

In the Supreme Court sitting as the High Court of Justice before Justices Shamgar, Bechor and Barak. Petitioners: 1. "Al-tal'a," 2. Elias Butros Nusrallah. Respondents: Minister of Defence and others (H.C.619/78)

THE HIGH COURT of Justice discharged an order nisi calling on the minister of defence and the military governor of Judea and Samaria to show cause why the weekly newspaper "Al-tal'a" should not be distributed in Judea and Samaria.

"Al-tal'a," the first petitioner, is a weekly published by Haganah in Jerusalem and owned by Elias Butros Nusrallah, the second petitioner. Under an order published by the military government in July, 1967, no newspaper may be imported into the administered territories and distributed there without a permit from the military governor.

In March, 1978, the petitioners applied for such a permit, but their application was rejected out of hand by the military governor. The petitioners thereupon petitioned the High Court of Justice, claiming that

the rejection was arbitrary and discriminatory, in view of the fact that other Arabic newspapers published in Jerusalem are circulated, by permission of the military governor, in Judea and Samaria.

They were granted an order nisi. In their next appearance before the court, the respondents explained that the fundamental interest of the military government in Judea and Samaria, and its proper administration of these territories, demanded that circulation of the newspaper in question be banned. The respondents explained that "Al-tal'a" is the mouthpiece of the Communist Party, which operates unlawfully in Judea and Samaria after being outlawed by the Jordanian government.

The Communist Party, the respondents said, engaged in incitement and sabotage against the military government, and, through its Palestine Front, commits acts of terror and murder. Furthermore, the respondents

alleged, the editor of the newspaper is the head of the outlawed Communist Party in Judea and Samaria and responsible for its publications there.

Because of these facts, the respondents explained, they had distinguished between "Al-tal'a" and other Arabic newspapers published in Jerusalem. Although some of these other newspapers also adopt an extreme political line against Israel and in favour of the PLO and the establishment of a Palestinian State, and although the military government, nevertheless permits them to be circulated in Judea and Samaria, "Al-tal'a" is further than beyond its attacks on the military government. It also encouraged and incited the local population to violence and resistance.

E. Khoury appeared for the petitioners and R. Yarak, assistant state attorney, for the respondents. JUSTICE SHAMGAR, who delivered the judgement of the High Court of Justice, said that as the petition concerned the importation and distribution of a periodical in the territories controlled by the military government, its fate should be decided against the background of the special laws applicable to those territories.

## LAW REPORT

Doris Lankin

national Law, 7th ed. vol. II p. 437). This duty and responsibility, he said, in accordance with the unanimous opinion of all the experts on international law, vests the military government with, among other things, the right to prohibit political activities and to limit, and even ban, political publications (see FM 27-10, Dept. of the (American) Army Field Manual, the Law of Land Warfare, July 1956, par. 377; and von Galen on "The Occupation of Enemy Territory," p. 139).

In the words of Professor von Galen, of the U.S., he continued, "control of the press in occupied territory constitutes one of the more important duties assumed by a new occupant. Most military manuals permit severe restrictions on the freedom of the press, suspension or closing of newspapers, and even imprisonment of journalists."

According to the British Army Manual (edited by Professor Lauterpacht), "existing press laws need not be respected. The publication of newspapers may be prohibited, or may be permitted subject to restrictions. The circulation of newspapers issued in unoccupied parts of the country and in neutral countries may be stopped."

It would appear, continued Justice Shamgar, that the Israeli military government has not wielded the rights vested in it by international law to their full and draconic extent; it has been sought, on the contrary, to

exercise restraint and confine itself, as far as possible, to only such measures as are absolutely essential for preserving the safety and welfare of the public, while giving expression, in fact as well as in theory, to the concept of "rule of law" in its substantive sense (see also Israel Yearbook of Human Rights, vol. I, The Observance of International Law in the Administered Territories, p. 266).

As to the merits of the present petition, Justice Shamgar held, the High Court had examined them and the respondents' exercise of their powers in accordance with the same criteria it uses when examining the acts or omissions of any other arm of the executive. The High Court had also taken into account, of course, those special duties and responsibilities, as set out above, which devolve on a military government.

AN EXAMINATION of the excerpts from "Al-tal'a" that the respondents had submitted to the court, he continued, did not reveal anything of a particularly inciting nature in them, or that the hostile criticism exceeds in tone or content that found in other Arabic-language newspapers, whose circulation is permitted in the administered territories.

As he could see no reason for discriminating between equals and forbidding to one what is permitted another, he could find no cause on these grounds, held Justice Shamgar for banning the importation of "Al-tal'a" into the territories. He added that if the respondents had seen fit, because of the special conditions in the area and of the potential danger

to public security, to ban the circulation of all hostile newspapers, then he would have examined the present petition according to different criteria. But if they permit the circulation of some newspapers, then he could see no reason for banning the circulation of the first petitioner only because of the hostile nature of the material published in it.

THE RESPONDENTS, Justice Shamgar went on to note, had refused permission to distribute their paper for another reason: they alleged that the editor of the paper is a member of the highest hierarchy of the illegal Communist Party. This allegation, however, had not been substantiated and therefore could not be deemed a valid cause for banning circulation of the paper.

On the other hand, the allegation that the petitioners' newspaper served as a mouthpiece for the illegal, underground Communist Party did provide good cause for banning it from Judea and Samaria, he said.

For while the formal outlawing of the Communist Party during Jordanian rule was not a decisive factor — it would not be reasonable or just to prohibit everything prohibited by Jordan — the respondents had produced sufficient evidence to show that the political organisation behind "Al-tal'a" was involved in acts of violence against the military government.

The High Court could not, therefore, order the authorities responsible for public security in the area to permit the circulation of this organization's mouthpiece. For this reason only, the order nisi should be discharged.

Justice Barak concurred with Justice Shamgar. Justice Bechor, in concurring, that the order nisi should be discharged, said that he was doing so on the grounds that the first petitioner was the organ of a party whose hostile activities were aimed against the administration, and that he saw no cause for expressing any opinion on the other reasons submitted by the respondents, which had been dismissed by Justice Shamgar. Order nisi discharged with IL1,000 costs. Judgement given on May 28, 1979.

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## Safer transport education campaign makes rounds in European resorts

By JACK MAURICE  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. — Europe's first anti-automobile show is now making its own Tour de France, sponsored by associations of pedestrians, victims of accidents and road users from a dozen countries.

As it stops in major cities and at seaside resorts where holidaymakers gather, the show's theme is the tragic loss of life and pointless waste of energy involved in road transport.

Appropriately enough, the first rendezvous for the show was at a converted Paris slaughterhouse. Backing has come from the U.S. National Union of Road Victims, and from Ralph Nader, the American consumers' crusader.

The anti-motor show does not set out to abolish the motor car and the lorry. Its organizers say their objective is to reduce the threat that road transport represents to life and the environment and to find more economical ways of getting passengers and merchandise from place to place.

Over 100,000 people are killed in road accidents in Europe every year. This is equivalent to the death toll of the atomic bomb that the U.S. Air Force dropped on Hiroshima at the end of World War II.

The show delivers its sombre message with a vivid display of posters and exhibits. A wheelchair reminds viewers that three million people are injured every year on

Europe's road network.

The battered shell of a parking meter, wrecked and abandoned by vandals, illustrates the fact that measures to discipline motorists evoke indignation more often than cooperation.

The same hostility by drivers is visible among bags full of parking tickets that have been collected from street gutters after angry offenders tore them from their windshields.

There are grim photographs from the disaster last year when a petrol tanker lorry crashed into a Spanish camping site, killing 200 vacationers.

A chart drawn to resemble a cemetery reminds us that 5,000 French children have died on the roads over the past 30 years. The cost of road accidents annually in France equals the financial turnover of Citroën and Peugeot, the country's two biggest vehicle manufacturers.

French railways are taking part in the show. They point out that every night thousands of motorists can get eight hours' sleep in safety while their cars travel from one end of France to another. It needs just one driver at the wheel... of a locomotive.

Another poster tells us that in one Paris suburb, one motorist in 10 has opted to leave his car home and bought a commuter train ticket, ever since a new railway line into the capital opened three years ago.

"We are all becoming increasingly conscious about the cost of petrol and the need for economy, the show brings grist to the mill of the en-

vironmentalists and conservationists.

The show reminds us that it takes five times as much fuel to move 1,000 people in fully loaded cars than it does by train. Trains produce a fraction of the pollution of internal combustion engines — and they also travel faster.

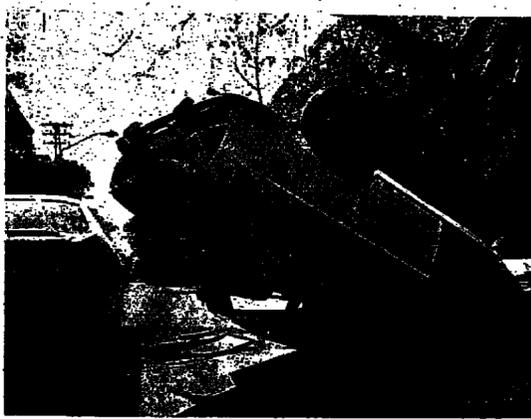
The show organizers say that if European governments encouraged the efforts by organizations of road users, deaths on European highways could be brought down to the relatively lower levels of the U.S. and Japan.

Philippe Saint Marc is a senior French civil servant who devotes much of his leisure to his responsibilities as secretary-general of the French National committee for the Safety of Road Users. Monsieur Saint Marc said: "The priorities are to lower maximum speed limits on the road and to develop railway and canal transport."

France's road safety expert added: "Helmets and driving tests must be introduced for riders of motorised bicycles in countries where they do not exist."

Saint Marc stressed that, since road accidents are twice as frequent after dusk — and twice as serious — drivers must be tested at night as well as by day.

He added: "It's all very well having a European Economic Community. But what the Common Market needs even more urgently is a European Community for Road Safety."



Nobody was hurt — this time, in just one of Tel Aviv's hundreds of annual accidents. (Stopstap)

## 7 out of 10 cars on the road are 'rolling safety hazards'

By YITZHAQ OKED  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Some 70 per cent of the automobiles on Israeli highways are "rolling safety hazards," according to a study by the Magor road service company.

The company set up a free testing service last year as part of a customer service programme to ready vehicles for winter. But to the dismay of the company — and 1,200 car owners who took part — only two per cent of the cars were found to be in perfect working condition.

More than half the cars had faulty steering mechanisms, 65 per cent had broken lighting systems, and nearly 50 per cent had insufficient brakes, the study showed.

The results of the company's study, which was released during a press conference, also revealed that the National Police Headquarters is aware of the dismal situation. But due to a lack of funds neither the police, nor the Transport Ministry, is able to conduct more than a special, short, pre-winter campaign to get unsafe vehicles off the roads.

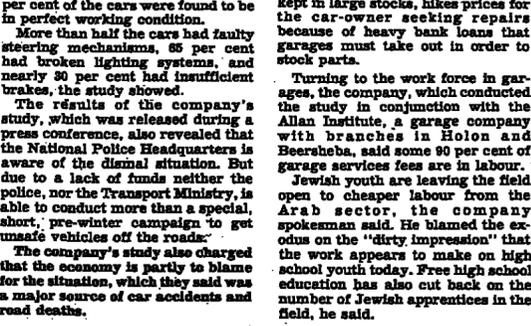
The company's study also charged that the economy is partly to blame for the situation, which they said was a major source of car accidents and road deaths.

Because of steep garage service fees, many car owners are loathe to have their vehicles repaired. Inflation, and other rising costs in labour, parts and customs on parts combine to make the average car-owner less convinced it's worth his while to make repairs.

The company's spokesman said that a lack of genuine competition between garage owners also contributes to inflated prices. The costs of imported parts, which must be kept in large stocks, hikes prices for the car-owner seeking repairs because of heavy bank loans that garages must take out in order to stock parts.

Turning to the work force in garages, the company, which conducted the study in conjunction with the Allan Institute, a garage company with branches in Holon and BeerSheva, said some 90 per cent of garage services fees are in labour.

Jewish youth are leaving the field open to cheaper labour from the Arab sector, the company spokesman said. He blamed the exodus on the "dirty impression" that the work appears to make on high school youth today. Free high school education has also cut back on the number of Jewish apprentices in the field, he said.



An overturned fire engine in Jerusalem draws a crowd of onlookers, as water pouring from the truck's pumping tank sprinkles the median strip on Rehov Bar-Ilan. (Emmanuel Pratt)



Pedestrians half the traffic accident toll

Transport Ministry statistics from last year show that some 50 per cent of traffic accident deaths in the country were pedestrians, and that 80 per cent of those accidents were caused in part by the pedestrians.

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Portugal to start assembling Renaults

LISBON. (Reuters) — The Portuguese government recently approved a general agreement with the French state-run Renault company to build 3400m. car assembly and components complex in Portugal.

The project, subject to tough negotiations over the past two years, forms part of Portugal's plans for creating its own automobile industry as it prepares to join the European Economic Community.

The cabinet statement said the investment would be shared between an engine and gear-box manufacturing plant at Aveiro, 250km north of Lisbon, an assembly plant at Setúbal, 60km south of the capital, a components manufacturing plant to be built in the interior of Portugal, and reconversion of the existing assembly plant at Guarda 350km northeast of Lisbon.

## UK's 1985 car to drink 10% less petrol, experts say

LONDON (UPI). — British car makers will try to improve the average petrol consumption of new cars by 10 per cent by 1985, the society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders announced yesterday.

The voluntary agreement follows talks between senior car engineers, the oil industry and the Department of Energy.

According to David Plastow, group managing director of Rolls Royce Motors and chairman of the SMMT energy committee, the task is a real challenge because, since the 1973 oil price leap, all car makers had already considerably increased the fuel efficiency of their models.

A further 10 per cent reduction by 1985 would mean substantial re-engineering to reduce vehicle weight and lower aerodynamic drag, he said.

Plastow said that the real im-

provement would, in engineering terms, have to be far greater than 10 per cent because this target took account of more stringent exhaust emission standards which would be introduced throughout Europe in the early 1980s.

These would impose a 3 to 5 per cent petrol consumption penalty. The SMMT-Department of Energy statement said fuel economy would be monitored jointly.

This will be averaged to obtain a single "national model average" petrol consumption figure for use as the basis of the 10 per cent target.

This could mean that by 1985 a successor to a small car like the Austin Morris Mini 1000 with shift drive achieving a consumption of some 16 kpg, should produce a figure of 16.5 kpg. — assuming the engine capacity was similar.



Interior Minister Yosef Burg approaches his waiting new government issued Oldsmobile, after the minister decided to try out the luxury American vehicle as a replacement for the Swedish made Volvo currently in use. Although the U.S. car has a lower sticker sales price, the Volvo is less of a gas guzzler. (Herashkovitz-Zoom 77)

## Soviets patient in petrol queues

MOSCOW (AP). — When long lines build up at Soviet petrol stations, motorists don't flare. Waiting in line is a way of life here and drivers know the problem is more a shortage of stations than a lack of petrol.

Moscow is a city of 8 million people, but has fewer than 150 petrol stations. That is despite the fact that the Soviet Union is now the largest petroleum producer in the world, although Saudi Arabia is said to have bigger oil reserves. Soviet wells are yielding an average of 11 million barrels a day, almost a fourth of which is exported.

The entire nation of 262 million people is believed to have only a few million private cars and the demand their owners make on the country's fuel resources is substantially less than in the West. Only 5 to 6 per cent of petrol goes for private needs. The remainder of the nation's petrol goes to the public sector and the military.

Driving habits in the Soviet Union differ from those in the U.S. and other Western countries. This is not a mobile society, where private transport is essential. Most urban workers go to jobs on buses or subways. Travel between cities is usually by train or airplane.

Those who own cars use them for recreation, like a spring weekend escape from the city or a drive to a forest. Because of the severe winters

many motorists put their cars on blocks and cover them with tarpaulins from December to April.

Petrol prices are higher than in the U.S., but lower than in many West European countries.

Premium octane petrol costs the ruble equivalent of \$1.3 a gallon. A lower grade sells for 90 cents. The average monthly wage is \$235.

Prices were substantially lower until March 1, 1978, when they doubled in the most sweeping retail price change in years.

The State Price Committee chairman, Nikolai T. Glushkov, said then that the price of petrol went up because "producer costs had increased and because 'tens of hundreds' of people had asked that giveaway petrol prices be ended.

He did not identify these people.

The government reportedly wants to keep up its oil supplies for export, since petroleum sales to foreign countries account for 50 per cent of the nation's hard currency earnings. One half of exports goes to other communist nations and the other half is sold to the West.

Studies by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency and Western oil companies, which have been disputed by the Soviet Union and some Western experts, say the country is headed for an energy crisis in the mid-1980s.

## Accidents — American style

MIAMI (UPI). — Jay Rudnick drove his shiny new \$18,000 Lincoln Continental into a car wash for a little spit and polish.

He watched with pride as Allan Small, a 16-year-old employee eased the metallic-blue car into the tunnel. He watched with horror when it came out.

Small "shot out of there like a cannon" witnesses told Dade County policemen and the Lincoln, which had barely 1,000 km on the odometer, bounced off a garbage can.

"I closed my eyes when it went flying by," Rudnick said.

At this point Small apparently panicked and stepped on the accelerator instead of the brake. The car bounced over a curb, slid into a pole, crashed into two gasoline pumps, smashed into a parked 1970 Oldsmobile, and exploded.

Small leaped from the vehicle with minor burns. A second explosion sent flames hundreds of feet into the air. The fire spread to the Oldsmobile and also destroyed six other cars before firefighters brought the flames under control.

Police estimated the total damages at \$50,000.

"The kid didn't mean it," Rudnick said. "I'm hysterical. My wife's never going to believe this."

## W. Germany's 'grey gods': toughest car inspectors

COLOGNE. — The man in the grey smock poked up a sharp instrument and poked it repeatedly into the undercarriage of the car.

"This will never do," he told the anxious car owner as flakes of rust fluttered to the floor. "It will have to be fixed before we can approve your car."

The man in the smock, was an inspector of the Technischen Ueberwachungs-Verein, the technical inspection union. West Germany's safety watchdog whose seal of approval is virtually mandatory for cars and any other product or process that could endanger life or harm environment.

The test for corrosion is part of a car safety inspection system that officials say is the toughest in the world. They say it makes cars on West Germany's roads the safest, mechanically, in the world.

The TÜV is a public, non-profit agency that is authorized by the West German government to carry out certain functions on its behalf. Its inspections are technically only advisory, and there are other testing agencies in the country. But TÜV, which conducts more than 90 per cent of all auto safety inspections, has become so influential since it was established in 1886 to set safety standards in the boiler-making industry, that its findings are accepted, as one TÜV official put it, "99.99 per cent of the time."

It enjoys widespread government and public support, yet many industrialists and businessmen consider it a nitpicking busybody whose standards for safety and environmental protection are so strict that they harm the nation's economy.

"We are always fighting with the manufacturers," said Karl Heinz Lindacker, one of seven directors at the TÜV Rheinland headquarters here.

A major reason for the tough safety standards, Lindacker said, is that there is no speed limit on West

Germany's Autobahns. "That's why the general safety and roadability of our cars are higher than those in the U.S. Lindackers said. "American cars are not designed for high speeds, but ours must withstand the forces of speeds much higher than the 90 kph limit you have in America."

Yet, Lindackers conceded that the effect the tough standards have on traffic safety is difficult to determine.

"Police and insurance companies are interested only in determining what traffic laws have been broken and who was at fault," he said. "But we feel that high safety standards prevent many accidents."

Because TÜV's automobile inspectors are so tough in their examination — and because of the grey smocks they wear — they are known as "grey gods."

"Labour standards are very high," said Gerd Cremer, the manager of an inspection station on the side of the road. "If anyone is drunk at work or is convicted of any crime, he loses his job."

So does any inspector found accepting a bribe. But that, Cremer said, "almost never happens."

The inspectors, he said, refuse to pass more than one-third of the cars that pass through TÜV's stations. Owners are allowed up to two months to correct deficiencies. Failure to do so can result in suspension of a driver's licence, heavy fines and, in extreme cases, jail terms. The fee for each inspection is about \$13.50.

TÜV's impact is reflected in a window sticker of the sort that German drivers like to slap on their cars. It says: "We will stay together until TÜV divorces us."

Among the first questions asked by a prospective used car buyer are: "has the car been TÜVed?" And "when is the next TÜV inspection?"

Sellers of used cars can seldom make a sale unless their car has the orange sticker or they promise to get one before the deal is completed. (WPNS)

## An armoured car for anti-terror safety

LONDON (Reuters). — A British engineering firm said recently it is going into full-scale production of armoured-plated cars — which even have computers to locate where an attack is coming from.

Crayford Engineering said 13 cars had already been ordered — five for use in Britain. The company plans production of about 100 cars a year.

Engine, roof and doors are protected by a triple layer of undisclosed material instead of steel, which the company said was too heavy and did not protect against modern high-velocity weapons.

The floor is strengthened against fragmentation mines and grenades. The cars have armoured glass, bullet-resistant tires and fuel tanks which will not explode. German-built Mercedes cars are used in the conversions.

They cost around \$75,000 sterling (£13.5m.) each.

## Fancy tenders get hit with 100% sales tax

Imported U.S. tenders, which have air conditioned driver's cabins, hydraulic windows and stereo music systems — while the back serve as ordinary pickup trucks — have been increased in price, after a Treasury decision to hike the purchase tax on

the vehicles from 40 per cent to 100 per cent.

The loophole through which the vehicles had been bought as ordinary tenders resulted from the definition of the tender as a vehicle in which the carrying compartment was separate from the driver's compartment. But the Treasury decision to put a halt to the relatively cheap tax on the luxury vehicles has closed the loophole.

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**CRYPTIC CLUES**

ACROSS

- Are such coats drawn? (5)
- Anything to get out of the (5)
- Asked a person to leave? (4)
- It is not singularly metallic (5)
- A lieutenant in a ship with some sailors (5)
- Where to vote, perhaps (5)
- Only a fraction may be named (7)
- A number of learners? (3)
- The Norsemen thought him recently (4)
- Character who upset a G.I. during a card game? (6)
- A seven colour (4)
- Builds by secret arrangement? (6)
- Fact that may be prevarged (4)
- Message nothing less than a (4)
- Featured a celebrity from Bab-el? (7)
- What did they say do, so (5)
- Try to hatch? (3, 2)
- Two letters that are close by? (2)
- He sets to know things (7)
- Encouraged to have breakfast? (4)
- Mr. First class? (5)

DOWN

- Moved the gold? (6)
- Consists of more than one (6)
- Belongs to the mystery of the (5)
- It can hold the line (5)
- U.S. 'vars country? (7)
- Type of a Mexican may be (4)
- Widow her best! (6)
- Those in the wood? (5)
- More than a bird on the coast (5)
- Quoted somewhat excitedly (5)
- River of tar, outwardly? (5)
- Tribesman with a spear, of (5)
- Less than a quartet? (5)
- Developed the glass? (7)
- Squabbling over the water? (6)
- Not happy to have the back of the (5)
- Such merries are ironic (6)
- It can serve to muddle (5)
- One of those magnetic (5)
- The manna, or less (3)

**STRAIGHTFORWARD CLUES**

ACROSS

- Commonplace (5)
- June (5)
- None without (7)
- Lane (4)
- Beliance (5)
- Horden (5)
- Ancient province (7)
- Elms (5)
- Peruvian ruler (5)
- Zed (6)
- Conart (5)
- Shoot (6)
- Bait (4)
- Affirmative (3)
- Excellent (7)
- Moslems (5)
- Justification (5)
- Make up (5)

DOWN

- Direct staff (7)
- Ally (5)
- Wear away (5)
- File (5)
- Comedian (6)
- Myra (4)
- Ornament (5)
- Bag (7)
- Existed (4)
- Save (6)
- Metal mass (5)
- Romany (5)
- Martyr (5)
- NIK (5)
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- Decommission (5)
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- Condition (6)
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- Spowered (6)
- Transparent (5)
- Solidifies (4)
- Drink (3)

**Yesterday's Cryptic Solution**

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**Yesterday's Straightforward Solution**

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Seamen get early retirement

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER Jerusalem Post Reporter HAIFA. — Israel's seamen will be able to opt for early retirement at the age of 55, from the next fiscal year...

Bank dividends at cost of equity

By SHELOMO MAOZ Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — The dividends paid out by the banks in 1978 were at the expense of their own equity...

Taxes for farmers to be withheld

Starting October 1, 20 per cent income tax will have to be deducted at source from wages paid to agricultural workers...

Hungary cracks down with capitalist reform plan

By JOHN DORNBERG MUNICH. — Hungarians call their little plot of East European real estate "the merriest barracks" in the Communist bloc.

Advertisement for TEL AVIV MUSEUM CINEMA showing 'THE SPIRIT OF THE BEEHIVE' with a Victor Erice film.

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Shippers break ties with Zim over rise in shipping fees

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER Jerusalem Post Reporter HAIFA. — A serious threat to Israel's shipping appeared yesterday as the Shippers Council, which represents the country's importers and exporters...

Atlantic to sell ready to fry fish

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER Jerusalem Post Reporter HAIFA. — The Atlantic Deep Sea Fisheries company has begun marketing processed, ready to fry, frozen fish...

Labour court ups rate for eight hour shift

Jerusalem Post reporter HAIFA. — The National Labour Court has confirmed a local Labour Court judgment granting shift workers 125 per cent extra pay for the eighth hour of the night shift.

Swiss hold fair

In September, Lausanne will once again hold the Swiss National Fair which, this year, is celebrating its 60th anniversary.

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Linked bonds once again attract investors

TEL AVIV. — The investment public once again put its stamp of approval on linked bonds...

While the gains recorded yesterday did not indicate a stampede in the direction of indexed bonds...

The share market, on the other hand, was mixed with some downward tendency in various sectors...

The commercial banking sector continued to behave well and prices moved higher. IDB headed the most active share list as it rose by two points on a turnover of almost ILS 6m.

Stocks & bonds — the market report

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN Post Finance Reporter

Mortgage bank issues were generally lower, with losses running as high as 4.5 per cent. Mortgage and Development, after two days of rising prices...

In the insurance group, Yardenia Securities did not trade yesterday. The company announced that the 12 per cent dividend already paid for 1978 will be considered as final...

Land development and real estate issues were generally mixed. Rasco preferred was surprisingly strong and gained 17 points to 380...

Israel Citrus Plantations was down by 20 to 1970. Oil Exploration of Paz was unchanged at 150...

Phoenicia, among Industrials, was strong and recorded an 8.3 per cent jump to 278. American-Israel Paper Mills lost 35 points, while Alliance was 50 points lower at 1200.

Investment company shares were also mixed. Cial Real Estate and Cial Investments were most active in the group, but their price remained unchanged...

Closing prices on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

Table with columns: June 27, 1979, Commercial Banks & Banking Co's, O.H.R., I.D.B., etc. Lists various stocks and their closing prices.

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Table with columns: 4% Gov't development, 5% Gov't (90% Co-L), etc. Lists representative bond prices and yields.

New York Stock Exchange

Closing prices - June 27

Dow Jones Industrial Average: 240.51 up 2.85

Table with columns: Allied Chemical, ASA, Amer. Int. Paper Mills, etc. Lists New York Stock Exchange closing prices.

Bank of Israel representative foreign exchange rates — June 27

Table with columns: Currency, U.S. dollar, British sterling, etc. Lists foreign exchange rates.

New storage system for nuclear waste

STOCKHOLM. — A new system for the underground storage of high-level nuclear waste which is claimed to be independent of fissures, cracks, and other faults in natural rock has been developed by the Swedish firm of WP-System AB.

The WP-Cave consists of a spherical rock of some 300-400 metres by the surface, with a cylindrical heat stack built in its middle. The cavern, which has a diameter of 40 m., is filled with large porous concrete balls, with the high-level nuclear waste canisters being mounted into concrete balls placed in the lower part of the stack.

KNESSET

(Continued from page 1) The Knesset would not approve the price freeze. Attendance in the chamber was at its peak between 10 a.m. and noon, and again, of course, in the evening before the final vote.

Even-handed

(Continued from page 1) Washington has warned Israel that selecting targets only one or two kilometers from Syrian bases was bound to provoke the Syrian Air Force to respond.

Hilton steps out as Knesset cook

By ASHES WALLFISH Post Knesset Reporter The Hilton Hotel chain yesterday wrote Knesset Speaker Yitzhak Shamir to tell him it had finally decided to pull out of the Knesset catering services in October, when the first year's contract expires.

Dollar slips on world markets as dealers await Opec ruling

LONDON (AP). — The dollar slipped against all major European currencies yesterday as dealers' attention focused on the new oil price awaited from the oil-exporting nations' meeting in Geneva.

FUND RATES

Table with columns: FUND, TRUSTEE, UNIT PRICE, REDEMPTION PRICE. Lists fund rates for various funds.

AMERICAN ISRAEL BANK LTD FOREIGN CURRENCY 27.6.79 Yesterday's foreign exchange rates against the Israeli pound.

A POWERED CONCRETE-CUTTING saw, being introduced by a British firm, is said to overcome the problems of airborne dust associated with this type of saw by using a device which sucks up the dust as it is created.

5 dead, 14 injured in 13 accidents

Five people were killed, and 14 injured in 13 accidents that occurred throughout the country yesterday. In one Negev accident four people were killed, and in Rishon Lexion, a pedestrian was killed while crossing a street.

OLD AGE — A 7.6 per cent increase in old-age pensions will be included in cheques to some 200,000 households in Israel being sent this week.

Banks sign accord to cooperate on credit cards

Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — Bank Leumi and the Discount Bank this week signed an agreement on setting up a company to distribute Visa credit cards both for local and foreign use.

Most active shares

Table with columns: Most active shares, a.o., b.o., c.o., etc. Lists the most active shares and their characteristics.

THE JERUSALEM POST Erwin Frankel Editor and Managing Director

Begin wields the axe

The housewife's economic plight is exercising the mind of the prime minister, but his attempt to improve her lot can only have disastrous results, writes The Post's economic editor MEIR MERHAV.

PRIME MINISTER Begin has, at long last, taken an interest in the economy. To make his suddenly awakened concern effective, he dispensed, last Sunday, with the advice of the economists and got himself the meek political consent of his cabinet colleagues.

Inflation is to be stopped by a decree. The results — if they last — will be disastrous. The case against the price freeze decreed by Begin is so obvious that it is almost an insult to the intelligence and to elementary economic understanding to spell it out in detail.

It is therefore no wonder that there is no economist in the country nor any man of public affairs, in or out of Begin's coalition, who wouldn't be laughing if he wasn't choking on a gasp of astonishment.

The treasury estimates — and for once, we may trust their figures — that the prime minister's attempt to save the housewife from what his Liberal colleagues have done to her will cost anything between IL7.5 and IL20.5, depending on how long the government-determined prices are to be kept.

The money for this is simply not there. It will have to come either from raising taxes, or from cutting other expenditures, or from printing more money, in addition to the tax increases, budget cuts, or money-printing that will be necessary even without increasing the subsidies.

I shall come to the price — or rather, prices — that will have to be paid for this attempt to refloat a sinking ship by pumping more water into it. In a moment, I shall tell you what may be well to remember that Begin's paternalistic concern for the poor, inflation-harassed housewife is not as ingenious as it is made to appear.

In reviving his long-forgotten "social contract" pre-election programme of 1977, his idea, as reported in the press, was to freeze government-determined prices for slightly more than two years; that is, right up to the next elections.

Democratic governments have always wooed the voter with gifts before elections and will always do so. They do not, however, start their spending spree when their term of office still has more than half its time to run, nor are they ever as blindly cynical about their purpose as Mr. Begin. After all, the man who said "après moi, le déluge" was not a democratic head of government.

THE DURATION of the price freeze has meanwhile been whittled down to an unspecified "short" period. Perhaps Mr. Begin himself has had second thoughts, realizing that pegging the price freeze to the next election sounds like an admission that he does not expect to be re-elected. Perhaps his cabinet colleagues persuaded him that the plan will not only carry a staggering price, but will also alarm Mr. Ehrlich in the face and confess that what's passed off as an economic policy is completely in tatters.

They may, for all I know, even have explained to him that if the price of bread is frozen for two years, its relative price will fall to a third of what it is now, so that it will again be fed to the cows and the chickens. The absurd stroke of genius would be that, far from having to subsidize imported meat, we would then become exporters of meat, eggs and milk. Not only our own housewives would benefit, German housewives, too, would get subsidized Israeli turkeys. It has happened before.

But if the price freeze is to be in effect only for a short period, it will obviously have no political value. There was thus no reason to send the economists out of the room. At this point, the politicians who understand little of economics draw upon their equally meagre expertise in psychology: they say that the public, seeing that prices are being held down, will tone down their inflationary expectations and will no longer rush to get rid of their money.

THE ARGUMENT is ridiculous. People cannot hoard public transport, electricity, water, phone calls and licence fees. They cannot, and do not, hoard frozen chickens, eggs, bread and milk. Maybe a few bags of wheat will be held for a few days, rather than later, the lid will again come off prices, they expect inflation to go up, not down, and more sharply so when the day of reckoning comes. The money they can save by being given some 10 per cent of their consumption at progressively cheaper prices they will rush to spend on other things.

Having no electoral value and representing inflation in one segment of expenditure merely to drive it up everywhere else, Mr. Begin's exercise in economic management by that is so patently absurd that it had to be rounded out by a revival of the old "social contract" idea — getting the

producers and the Histadrut to agree to freeze prices and wages all round. This might have made some sense two years ago, before Mr. Ehrlich's liberalisation upheaval. Even then it could have been only a temporary device. Now, with inflation running at close to 100 per cent a year, instead of the 80 per cent he had reached before Mr. Ehrlich started to play games with the economy, such a programme is an exercise in futility. It is enough to mention that it would require, among other things, also the freezing of the exchange rate. Since costs would continue to mount because of the backlog of wage and price demands, exports would be choked off.

BEGIN'S PLAN will neither work nor will it last. On that, all are agreed. MK Yitzhak Beran, who wants his Liberal ministers to resign in protest, takes it too seriously. He need not worry, because the fate of Begin's present plan will be like that of his famous declaration that the services in the occupied territories will be equalized with those in Israel. But there is a double twist to the plan. In the "short-period" version that will apparently be approved in next Sunday's cabinet meeting. The first twist is that, if the price freeze lasts until, say, September or October, the wage earners will be awarded a 10 per cent cost-of-living allowance for October. These will be calculated according to the average price increase in June-August, as compared with December-February. The trick is not new. It was invented by the late Pinhas Sapir and used by all his successors. It has not become more respectable because of that.

The second twist is even worse. Even if the price freeze is maintained only for three months, it will cost IL7.5. That money will have to come from somewhere. If it is printed — as is most likely — it will merely fuel inflation all round. The poor housewife may find she doesn't have to pay more for milk and bread, but she will find that shoes for her children have gone up even more.

Dr. Israel Katz has recently broached the idea that direct taxes be raised, to a marginal 75 per cent in the top income brackets. That was even before Mr. Begin put his hand on the economic helm. There never was any chance that Dr. Katz's proposal would be taken seriously, even had his political clout been bigger. Conventional wisdom says

Dry Bones



that when the tax rate goes up, so does tax cheating. According to that reasoning, taxes should be reduced, for surely the temptation to swindle when the tax rate is 60 per cent is bigger than when it is 80 or even 40 per cent.

The same wisdom also says that high taxes reduce effort; people simply do not want to work hard if they have to hand over a big slice of their earnings to the tax collector. It is hardly ever considered that most people who have high incomes do not get them by their own efforts as much as by the efforts of those who work for them. And strangely enough, it has never been suggested that the effort-depressing effects of taxes might be true also for wage-earners, who are the large majority.

In any case, direct taxes will not be raised, not even for Mr. Begin's plan. That leaves indirect taxes — specifically, the value added tax. But if that is raised (regardless of the suspicion that this, too, will increase tax evasion), prices will be boosted all around.

NOW WE COME to the real twist of the plan. The money, so say the economic ministers and the Bank of Israel governor, will have to come from cutting other expenditures — specifically, the social services. Thus, inflation, which taxes the poor

and low-to-average incomes alike heavily, is to be cured by taxing the same people again — by taking away some of the services they get in one way or redistributing income. It is a game of heads I win, tails you lose.

Perhaps Mr. Begin is not aware of this. He may not see that those who however reluctantly, fall in with his plan, will not only (rightly) do their best to emasculate it, but will also use it as an excuse to press harder for slashing the social services — which has been their long aim all along. The extra expenditure involved in Begin's plan to subsidize the poor is a heaven-sent opportunity to erode the resistance to such budget cuts. It is neither the first nor the last time that the conscience that sometimes grips the Herut leaders, from David Legum to Menahem Begin, plays into the hands of reactionary social policies.

Inflation, the most reactionary of all social policies, must be cut. Mr. Begin is right in that respect, even if his concern was roused by the realization that his government's beginning to totter. But inflation cannot be cut by decreasing it away, any more than King Canine could stop the tide. To superimpose his desire to see it swept under the carpet on the anti-social handling of the Liberal partners in the coalition, only make the debacle worse than it already is.

Syria stirs the pot

YESTERDAY'S air clash over Lebanon, in which at least five Syrian Mig's were downed, automatically prompted comparisons with April 1967 and September 1973 when Israeli planes were also engaged by Syrian fighters and shot down a sizeable number of them.

But such historical comparisons, with the clear implication that such incidents may represent a patterned prelude to war, are treacherous. In 1967, Syria was anxious to induce Nasser to make war. And prodded by Moscow, Nasser took the bait. In September 1973, on the other hand, Egypt and Syria had already decided to make war. Today the situation is more complex.

While Egypt has made a major strategic and political shift towards orientation upon the West and therefore a peace agreement with Israel, Syria under Hafez Assad, still bound to orientation upon Moscow and a war policy, is in deep domestic trouble.

Perhaps there are those in Damascus who believe that escalation with Israel could reverse the course charted by President Sadat. It is more reasonable to assume however, that Assad is more intent simply on embarrassing Egypt.

With the Arab League Foreign Ministers meeting in Tunis, for the first time without Egypt, the Syrian leader may have considered it opportune to demonstrate that Syria, by engaging Israeli planes attacking terrorist bases in Lebanon, is actively doing battle with Israel on behalf of the Palestinians. Meanwhile the Egyptians betraying the cause, are making peace.

More dangerous, however, is the possibility that the Assad regime, threatened at home, is seeking to restore domestic order by stoking up a war scare with Israel. At the same time it can manipulate such a contrived scare to justify the purge of dissidents that is apparently underway.

Such a Syrian tactic would be more dangerous because of its desperate nature, for a desperate regime is an unpredictable regime.

Israel will, of course, have to carefully consider how yesterday's incident and the circumstances which led up to it, should affect the on-going campaign against the terrorist concentrations in Lebanon.

But it will not be able to permit Syria, whether out of desperation or hostile design, to dictate the terms under which that campaign will be fought.

Going through the motions

THE KNESSET has gravely gone through the motions of seeing the Budget bill through its successive readings — though the chairman of the Knesset's own Finance Committee agrees that events have overtaken the Treasury's estimates, making them obsolete before they even become law.

They should have been approved in March, before the beginning of the fiscal year. The version presented then totalled IL304.5. Approved yesterday was a second version, of IL320.5. It includes the provision for building new airfields in the Negev, plus IL5.5b. of local currency expenditure in the Negev, to be covered (hopefully) by the announced cut of IL7b. in expenditure.

This second version is outdated too, because its assumptions about price inflation and wage increases have proved too conservative. Also the Cabinet decided last Sunday to freeze the price of certain commodities by enlarging the subsidies — which makes hay of all prior budgetary calculations.

A number of questions must now be considered. The first is, will the price freeze be applied? The storm of derision that assailed the Cabinet Ministers' announcement on this subject has made them realize — not for the first time — that maybe their decree was, let us say, over-hasty.

As to the question that prices have risen (so far) by some 15 per cent more than predicted, the Treasury maintains that the inflated costs are offset by tax collection which currently exceeds expectations.

That is something for which Finance Minister Ehrlich should be given credit. He has reinforced the army of fiscal inspectors and sent them foraging into the camp of the tax evaders. Will they bring in enough cash to bridge the gap? Well — there is also a handy sum of IL5b. in reserve. Treasury mandarins say, set aside when the original budget cut was made last February.

But that IL5b. should not be available for spending. It is not a surplus, it is a diminution of a deficit. Restoring it means restoring inflation.

The Government's financial plan has to be examined afresh. The Knesset would have been wiser to pigeon-hole the present Budget bill, vote a temporary three-monthly allocation to cover current expenses, and start again from scratch.

WHEN A human body bleeds, by the very nature of things, all efforts are concentrated on stopping the bleeding. What seems to be so natural in the human body does not appear to be natural in a body politic, a state. I am referring to the very dangerous development whereby *yerida* (emigration) has reached an annual total of about 20,000.

It is superfluous to dwell on the very serious significance of such a development, which involves a high percentage of Israeli-born sabras, ex-army personnel, graduates of institutes of higher learning, men and women who grew up, were nurtured in this country, fought for it and, for one reason or another, decided to leave.

For years, this dangerous process has been developing, our national body has been bleeding, and nothing has been done to deal with the problem.

We are a free society, and by its very nature people will fall by the wayside and people will join it. But it is inconceivable that our society, with all the problems that face it, having regard to the basis on which it is structured — religious, ideological, national — should not raise a finger in the light of such a menacing development.

I would like to be proved wrong, but I do not remember that a government in Israel — the present one or those which preceded it — ever conducted an in-depth analysis and discussion on this vital subject. For years we have been concentrating on an obsessive degree on the subject of our borders, but we have rarely applied ourselves to the no less important issue of the society within those borders.

Every Israeli who becomes established in the U.S., receives permission to work as a professional in three American citizenships, becomes a focal point which draws additional members of the family. A

Stemming the flow

Urgent attention must be given to the problem of emigration from Israel, writes CHAIM HERZOG.

VERY DANGEROUS process is then set in motion. In my view, the scope of the problem has reached proportions which call for urgent steps to be taken to reduce it. Of late, this subject has also come in for comment on a number of occasions in the press and in the electronic media of the U.S. — a coverage which has hardly been flattering to Israel.

THE MAJOR Jewish communities in the U.S. are very aware of this problem because in their midst there is a Jewish community which is, by and large, in no way involved in the life of the community. Some months ago, I was in Pittsburgh, a city in which some 160 Israeli families live. I was told that not a single Israeli child visits the community centre or attends Jewish youth activities in the city.

The Federation of Jewish Charities in New York, which is allied to the United Jewish Appeal, published a survey a year ago pointing out that there are some 30,000 Israeli children in non-Jewish schools in the region who receive no Jewish education whatever. This report accused the government of Israel, whose policy consciously keeps Israeli *yordim* at arm's length.

It is wrong to look upon *yordim* as lost cases. In the past few years, a steady stream of Israelis returning to Israel has developed, and the Ministry of Labour has been active in helping to find jobs for thousands of Israeli university graduates who

were interested in returning. I do not agree with the attitude towards emigrants which characterized them as a "fallout of weaklings." There are those who think this approach prevents the legitimization of emigration from Israel, but it is counter-productive. It creates a wall of estrangement and hostility instead of building a bridge.

An investment in this vital and valuable potential, similar to that invested in *alyta*, could contribute considerably to bringing back to Israel part of this very large Jewish community.

ONE MUST remember that many of the emigrants have not succeeded in the U.S., although there are a few success stories. After a few years, the dream of becoming rich overnight evaporates and gives way to frustration and disappointment. The children grow up and the problems of education in a strange environment, mixed marriages and so forth, emerge.

In many cases, they do not achieve the standard of living to which they were accustomed in Israel. But they have burned their bridges; they are loath to admit failure, and they are fearful of embarking on a fresh start. So they decide to stay a year, and then another year, in the hope that they will soon turn the corner. This is the period in which advantage could be taken of their attitude given the correct organization and motivation.

For this purpose, a special authority should be created, with full powers. Such an organization is necessary, even if only to check those bizarre instructions issued by government or public institutions which tend to encourage emigration, or at least create conditions for it.

For example, when a boy concludes his studies at a technical school as a *handesal* (practical engineer) he will have studied two post-secondary school years. If he wants to continue his studies towards a degree of engineer, the higher education authorities in Israel do not recognize his two post-secondary school years. They insist that he starts the course — in other words, five years of studies.

He therefore chooses to go to the U.S., where his two years of post-secondary education in Israel are recognized. Thus, after a period of two to three years, he concludes his studies as an engineer — instead of five years in Israel. If he tries Grenoble in France, he could become an engineer within one year.

In the U.S., I found that eight out of eleven boys who had concluded a course for practical engineers in a certain subject at an ORT school in Israel were obliged, because of the reasons I have mentioned, to go to America. Most will be snapped up by an American market eager for such technicians, and a very high percentage of them will thus certainly stay abroad.

Over the years it has been impossi-

ble to get the institutions... learning to change their... although they cause emigration... such large numbers.

THE GOVERNMENT of Israel... bids the employment of... government officers abroad... woman who left Israel because... married a foreign citizen. It is... proposed to this, one may... to five years in Israel who... to study. This instruction... situation whereby the government... in many cases (not all) makes... easier, because a very... being percentage of those whom... Government of Israel has enabled... after they receive a much... after green card, namely the... to work.

During my three years at the... witnessed about 15 such cases... the limited framework of the... delegation to the UN and... consulate-general. Multiplication... these figures by the number... of government offices in the U.S. would... produce a very alarming figure.

Those dealing with the... were guided by the arrangements... for new immigrants and... returning Israelis are offered... in customs duties. This... in itself, but in the anxiety... with the problem it is forgotten... reductions in customs duty... designed to help absorption... necessarily to encourage immigration.

Just as such reductions have... been a major element in the... of an immigrant to come to Israel... is also true in the case of... returning Israel. Reductions... customs duties are not an... encouragement to *alyta* but an... assistance in absorption, which... itself is, of course, important.

The author is Israel's former... ambassador to the UN.

READERS' LETTERS

THE UGLY ISRAELI

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Much has been said of late about the behaviour and misbehaviour of the Israeli abroad, but no matter how true, this is not a national trait, but an international disease.

Israeli groups are a motley and unruly crowd. No sooner have they arrived in London, than they swarm to Marks and Spencer's and buy up everything. The Lido in Paris is a must, for where would you have them go — to the Comedie Francaise? They jump queues in self-service restaurants, they cause havoc in hotels, they abuse foreign hospitality.

But so do many others, the ugly ones, that is. The ugly American was described in "Innocent abroad" a long time ago. The ugly German is known to bestride this world like a Colossus. The ugly Swede gets drunk most everywhere.

Take a look at the Israelis at home. Look at them at the beaches, on buses, picnic with them in forests, sit with them in cinemas, watch them in cafes, shop with them in department stores, observe their driving habits, eat with them in restaurants, join them in bars and nightclubs. They are ugly Israelis at home, and they too travel abroad. TOVA KOEN

IMMORAL AND STUPID DECISION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I am appalled at the Begin government's decision to seize Arab land and install a Gush Etzion settlement near Nablus. Not only has Prime Minister Begin acted immorally in seizing the Arab land, he has also acted stupidly. In taking this action, he has alienated American public opinion, including American Jewish public opinion, which can see no "security value" in establishing a Jewish community so close to a hotbed of Arab nationalism such as Nablus. Indeed, many Americans, both Jewish and non-Jewish, see this as a major provocation which not only undermines Sadat's already shaky position in the Arab world, but which harms the Egyptian-Israeli negotiations and may well prevent any mutually satisfactory settlement of the West Bank problem.

Prime Minister Begin has long thought that he can use the American Jewish community as a factor of pressure on the American government and for this reason, he has demanded unity and support from the American Jewish community. The establishment of the settlement near Nablus, however, serves only to undermine Begin's support within the American Jewish community while alienating general

MOVE INTERNATIONAL COURT TO JERUSALEM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — The focus in the Middle East has shifted to Judea and Samaria. There will undoubtedly be a protracted struggle over the status of Jerusalem during the search for an accord in this problem area. The solution is likely to be complex and will perhaps include some novel political arrangements. Without pretending to envision the outcome, I would simply like to suggest a possible element in the final arrangement: Let the seat of the International Court of Justice be moved from The Hague to Jerusalem.

This move would be the expression of an international commitment to the resolution of the Middle East conflict and a concrete step towards the spreading of international influence to all parts of the globe. What better symbol of the effort to create a more just and equitable world than to place the International Court of Justice in Jerusalem, home of three of the world's great religions and fountain of many of our most profound concepts of law and justice? RICHARD M. HARTZMAN New York.

BIR ZEIT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Permit me the courtesy of your columns to protest at what is, in our opinion, an abhorrent decision by the authorities — the closing down of the University of Bir Zeit. We think that this collective punishment of an entire community by depriving them of the freedom to acquire knowledge and to express themselves, is a draconian measure that runs counter to the basic values of Israel.

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POSTSCRIPTS

DEPARTMENT of Much-Sought-After Good News: On a recent Wednesday morning at approximately 10:30, on the main street of Tiberias, a little girl of about nine was seen to leave her group of friends for a moment, run and pick up an empty cigarette box on the sidewalk, and drop it in a nearby trash can. H.D.

SCIENTISTS used to think that only planets had moons. Now an astronomer at Fernbank Science Centre in Atlanta, Georgia, says he has spotted an apparent moon travelling with the asteroid Melpomene. Richard Williamson told AP recently that he is not sure of the implications of his discovery but he is "reasonably certain that this will somewhat modify the details of our idea of solar system formation." Williamson, chairman of Fernbank's physical science department, said only one other asteroid, Eros, is believed to have a moon. That sighting was made several months ago at Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Arizona, but is not as clear as Williamson's.

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